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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1771, April 30-May 6, 2015

Thu 1130	WRMI	9955 [1770 presumably replayed]
Thu 2100	WRMI	7570 [confirmed]
Fri 2130	WRMI	15770 [confirmed; also on 7570]
Sat 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1930v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sun 0315v	WA0RCR	1860-AM [confirmed]
Sun 2100	WRMI	15770 [confirmed]
Sun 2300	WRMI	11580 [confirmed]
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5110v Area 51 [dropped off after ~5 minutes]
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955
Wed 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1315	WRMI	9955
Wed 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2100	WBCQ	7490v

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:

Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.

<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-service/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor>

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper:

<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

AND ANOTHER PODCAST ALTERNATIVE, tnx to Keith Weston:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio>

Also via [but still not back in service]:

<http://tunein.com/radio/World-of-Radio-p198/>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

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<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser>

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

** AFGHANISTAN. Technical details concerning BBG operations: see U S A [and non]

** ALBANIA [and non]. 9850, April 24 at *0126:15, R. Tirana carrier on and IS until 0130 theme and sign-on in English. Poor signal, noisy band, and I can also detect a LAH (low audible heterodyne). Despite our best efforts to have R. Tirana on a clear frequency for its North American service, Aoki now shows one or three others on 9850 during this semihour:

9850, PBS Qinghai, China, 2250-0600 in Tibetan, 50 kW, 206 degrees from Xining

and

9850, Sound of Hope, Xi Wang Zhi Sheng, *could* be on here any time

between 2130 and 1550 in Chinese/Cantonese, 100 watts from Taiwan, but more importantly, requiring CNR1 or Firedragon jamming by the ChiCom.

It's probably only Qinghai, and the het caused by Shijak being off-frequency, measured recently by Wolfgang B. schel on 9849.973. Note that none of this is shown in HFCC!

The QRM is not a big problem here, but it could be worse elsewhere, and RT really needs an absolutely clear frequency to compensate for its low modulation level (and low signal level by the time it gets to deep North America).

So now it looks like the 0130-0200 broadcast, like the 2300-2400 in Albanian to North America, would be better off on 9855 where there is no conflict shown in Aoki, nor anything on adjacent 9860 (as long as Egypt stays on 9315 instead of woodenly registered 9860). I suggest ALR make the shift to 9855, but it may take a while to get it implemented (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9854.975 kHz, Radio Tirana in Albanian at 2300-2400 UT tonight. Presenter Claudio Seratschi performed at 2314.

At end of the transmission heard National Anthem? in 2356/2357 UT, followed by Radio Tirana's interval signal at 2358:10.

TX switched OFF at exact 2358:36, aligned with University Brunswick standard time signal against atomic clock level of German Government.

See my screenshot of 9855 kHz / real some 25 Hertz lower frequency tonight on UT-April 24, at 2321, on real 9854.975 kHz frequency from Shijak Albania. S=9+30dB signal strength in Germany, Belgium and England. Switched over to US costal remote station at Boston-Massachusetts USA and heard at S=9+5dB across the Atlantic Ocean.

The whole broadcast contained a little BUZZ tone, which came out from Shijak transmission. When looked carefully into the screen, I saw two audio peaks of this BUZZ at 50 Hertz and 150 Hertz, but n o t on 100 Hertz, latter which seemingly is suppressed by the Shijak transmitter.

No QRM interference at all on neighbouring 31 meterband channels. Far away on 9865 kHz noted CRI China Radio International from Urumqi western China in Mandarin-Chinese language. On 9875 kHz the broadcast of KCBS Voice of Korea from Kujang P. R. Korea site noted also. Regards de (Wolfy from Stuttgart, Germany, April 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9850-, April 29 at 0122, R. Tirana IS with good signal, still here, and during pause I can again hear that low audible heterodyne from an

on-frequency 9850.0 station, presumably Qinghai, China. Apparently, R. Tirana is still considering whether to shift to 9855 as I suggested.

9850-, April 30 at 0131, R. Tirana, only poor English signal tonight, better by closing 0155 but I can still hear the LAH from presumed China; while 9855 goes unclaimed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA. 153 kHz, Alger, Cha ne 1/Radio Alg rie Inte, B char, 2123-2127, escuchada el 26 de abril de 2015 con emisi n musical en paralelo por 252 pero con unos segundos de retraso, SINPO 22442

198 kHz, Alger, Cha ne 1/Radio Alg rie Int, Ouargla, 2137-2140, escuchada el 26 de abril de 2015 en  rabe con emisi n musical, SINPO 55555

252 kHz, Radio Alg rie Int, Tipaza, 2140-2150, escuchada el 26 de abril de 2015 en franc s con emisi n musical, SINPO 55555 (Jos  Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena hilo de 10m, Blog valenciadx: <http://valenciadx.blogspot.es/dxldyg> via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

252 kHz, Radio Alg rienne Cha ne 3, Tipaza, 0400-    ,1130, escuchada el 29 de abril de 2015 en franc s. Comienza la emisi n con el Himno Nacional de Argelia, locutor con presentaci n en franc s, bolet n de noticias, a las 0406 locutor con cu a en franc s y  rabe, espacio ile Journal  en el programa  la Matinal , locutor y locutora con noticias nacionales, deportes y parte meteorol gico, cu as publicitarias,  Alg rie Telecom . Esta emisi n ha sido escuchada en fragmentos de 15, 20 y 30 minutos entre los horarios marcados, se identifica como  Radio Algerienne Channel la Trois  [sic] y  Radio Algerienne la tr os  [sic]

En el EMWG de Herman Boel, <http://www.emwg.info/> anuncia para esta emisi n: Cha ne 1/Cha ne 3/Radio Alg rie Int., Tipaza (1500*) - 0500-0200: Cha ne 1/Cha ne 3: Arabic and French transmissions; Radio Alg rie Int.: 0600-0630 French, 0630-0638 English, 0638-0725 French, 0725-0734 Spanish, 0734-1900 French, 1900-2000 Spanish, 2000-2100 English, 2100-0100 French; *: 0600-1800: 1500 kW, 1800-0200 & 0500-0600: 750 kW; also observed on 253 kHz

No he captado emisiones en ingl s ni en espa ol; la emisi n es  nicamente en franc s, la emisi n se puede escuchar en Internet: <http://www.radioalgerie.dz/player/fr/live/chaine-3>

Se ha escuchado fragmentos en  rabe, locutor en franc s conversando con oyente hablando en  rabe y a locutora con invitado, probablemente m sico, hablando en franc s y  rabe (Jos  Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Auto radio Kenwood KDC-334, April 29, dxldyg via DXLD)

ARGELIA, 981, Radio Algerienne Chaône 2, Ouled Fayet, 1704-1730, escuchada el 29 de abril de 2015 en tamazight (dialecto bereber), locutora con boletín de noticias, intervención de corresponsales, cuñas publicitarias de aproximadamente cuatro minutos, locutor con programa musical, comentarios antes de las emisiones musicales, temas de música pop local, fragmento de música rock duro, fragmento de música disco en árabe, conversación telefónica con oyente con conversación distendida y alguna carcajada, SINPO 54554 (José Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena hilo de 10m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. Caribbean Beacon with Pastor Melissa Scott back on air: till 2200 on 11775 AIA 100 kW / 320 deg to CeAm English videos Apr 22 <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/caribbean-beacon-with-pastor-melissa.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015 via DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA. Just published in their Facebook page, here are the pics of the 2015 staff at Arcángel San Gabriel Antarctic radio station, Esperanza Base. 73 (Horacio Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay --- Attachment(s) from Horacio Nigro | View attachments on the web 6 of 6 Photo(s) (attached to the dxldyg, via DXLD) 4 YLs, and one OM in charge (gh)

15476, LRA 36, Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel, Base Esperanza, 2002-2015, 20-04, Latin American songs, Spanish, comments. 14321. Also heard 2003-2018, 21-04, Spanish, female, comments. 14321 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880 and Sony ICF SW 7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters and Degen 31MS active loop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA [and non]. QSL News for February-March: QSL from DW, transmitter in Armenia. 17800 kHz, waited 27 days. Signature: Horst Scholz, Transmission management. Photos on the QSL: Schwerin, Schweriner Dom.

(Retreat, but not lyrical: Recently, as something went wrong with DW contacts at the technical department tb [at] dw.de, but found a contact form on the website station, <http://www.dw.de/explore-dw/reception/s-6809-9798> and then on the link 'Send us an e-mail' closer to the bottom of the page to the right. It has been tested and works. More than once I've read complaints that this or that station responds poorly or not at all in any way does not respond to e-mails - and the reason may be too spam filters. Communication via the web form works quite reliably, but here too there is a minus - not saved a

copy of the letter sent to.) (Moscow Information DX Bulletin, Weekly electronic publication # 941, April 21, 2015, Editor of the current issue: Alexander Dementyev, via RusDX April 26 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Firstly some sad news - On the 22nd of April 2015 another historic antenna was demolished - the 1200 foot Omega transmitting tower at Woodside in Victoria.

When you look at your smartphone and it tells you where you are on a street in a city in a Country based on the GPS satellite positioning system it is a far cry from where global navigation was in the 1960s and early 1970s. As far back as 1972 the Australian Government was in discussion with the US to determine the best site for an OMEGA tracking station in Australia. Here is a video shot last year, which shows the feedline and umbrella antenna sitting atop the tower:

https://youtu.be/S_T7hd0oXUE

OMEGA was the first global positioning system - using 9 stations around the world it could provide positioning accuracy to a couple of kilometers (!) ñ see

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omega_\(navigation_system\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omega_(navigation_system))

for a description.

I fondly recall working at the Communications Laboratory attached to the then Department of Transport and Communications tuning into the at least 3 of the Omega stations around 10 to 14 kHz on a Rohde and Schwarz ESM receiver. The antenna was some fencing wire strung from one side of the second floor roof to the other connected directly to some coax and straight into the receiver. Even with such a mismatched antenna we could clearly make out at least three of the distinctive pips on those frequencies in the middle of the day ñ impressive stuff. Anyway for a construction project that had a gestation of around 10 years, was mired in disputes, delays and demarcation arguments finally coming onstream in 1982.

Sad after all that time to see it disappear in less than 10 seconds.

Video here: <https://youtu.be/0UuTbkNykho>

(John Volpato, ACT, May Australian DX News via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. 17840, 15415 and 15240 are all missing from R. Australia, April 30 at 0146. Maintenance? Propagation certainly OK, with RNZI DRM noise blasting in on 17670-17680 and weaker AM on 15720. Only other signals on 16m make the weak het on 17730 between off-frequency RFA Mongolia, and CNR1 jammer (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15240 good, 15415 JBA, and 17840 very poor, April 30 at 0539, the

three RA transmitters are back on, but propagation must be degraded,
since 17840 is normally strongest by far (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Reach Beyond Australia on 12075 and 15340, April 23:

[all KNX 100 kW]

1330-1400 on 12075 / 305 deg to SoAs Hindi Sat-Thu

1330-1400 on 15340 / 310 deg to SoAs Hindi Sat-Thu

1400-1415 on 12075 / 305 deg to SoAs Telugu Thu not // on 15340

1400-1415 on 15340 / 310 deg to SoAs Telugu Thu not // on 12075

1415-1430 on 12075 / 305 deg to SoAs Telugu Thu

1415-1430 on 15340 / 310 deg to SoAs Urdu Daily

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/reach-beyond-australia-on-12075-and.html>

Upcoming frequency change of Reach Beyond Australia:

1100-1115 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs Tibetan Sun, ex 9900

1100-1115 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs Vietnamese Tue/Fri, ex 9900

1115-1130 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs Chinese Hakka Wed, ex 9900

1115-1130 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs Chinese Falam Fri, ex 9900

1115-1130 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs Burmese Sat, ex 9900

1115-1130 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs English Sun-Tue/Thu, ex 9900

1130-1145 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs Chinese Falam Sun/Wed, ex 9900

1130-1145 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs Chinese Hakka Mon/Fri, ex 9900

1130-1145 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs Burmese Tue/Thu, ex 9900

1130-1145 NF 11990 / 320 deg to SEAs English Sat, ex 9900

1145-1215 on 9900 / 320 deg to SEAs Rawang, cancelled

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/frequency-change-of-reach-beyond.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015

via DXLD)

Frequency change of Reach Beyond Australia effective April 27:

[all 15200 KNX 100 kW / 320 deg SEAs]

1100-1115 Tibetan Sun, ex 9900

1100-1115 Vietnamese Tue/Fri, ex 9900

1115-1130 Chinese Hakka Wed, ex 9900

1115-1130 Chinese Falam Fri, ex 9900

1115-1130 Burmese Sat, ex 9900

1115-1130 English Sun-Tue/Thu, ex 9900

1130-1145 Chinese Falam Sun/Wed, ex 9900

1130-1145 Chinese Hakka Mon/Fri, ex 9900

1130-1145 Burmese Tue/Thu, ex 9900

1130-1145 English Sat, ex 9900

1145-1215 Rawang, ex 9900, videos Apr 28

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/reach-beyond-australia-on-new-15200.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. Nepal earthquake ñ people need help

On April 25 a massive earthquake rocked Nepal leaving thousands dead and hundreds of thousand impacted. Reach Beyond is uncertain of the condition of our partnersí radio stations and other ministries. All we know is that the bulk of their work was near the epicenter of the quake. The people of Nepal urgently need your prayers and help as they deal with immediate medical and physical needs, as well as the long-term rebuilding process. Please pray fervently for the people of Nepal and give generously to help them as they recover. Serving Christ together, Copyright © 2015 Reach Beyond, All rights reserved, Colorado Springs, April 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN [and non]. 21/4: 9745, CRI Esperanto, 2115 mixed with Firedrake (against whom? did Kuanghua return?)

9745-CUSB, Bahrain 2135 with audio problems (micro gaps) S2 on inV, S7 on H (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 13589 [sic, surely typo for 13580], Radio Bangladesh Betar, Dhaka, 1841-1850, escuchada el 29 de abril de 2015 en inglÈs, emisiÛn de m'sica ipop rockî y m'sica pop sin pausas, SINPO 44444 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena hilo de 10m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15105, Radio Bangladesh heard 1247-1300* with fair signal. YL with talk and ID at tune in, into local music. At 1253 ID again by female into talk about Bangladesh. Full ID and sign off by female at 1300. Noticed there was no ground noise or line noise this morning 22 April (Ron Trotto, Grundig Satellit 800, Waggoner, Illinois, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, Bangladesh Betar, 1405-1410+ 7 April. Doing well for a few minutes this morning, but off (& not returning) by 1412 check. They're an enjoyable regular here with Urdu tunes/chat. Their Hindi service at *1515-1545* is usually less well-heard, but also worth the time to listen. 1405-1430* 9 April. Ahh! Back to normal today with fair signal (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, California, G5/PL606 + 6m X wire, via Bob Wilkner, DXSF, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, April 24 at 1359, JBA carrier from BB which I can detect only with BFO --- so weak that a timesignal ending at 1359:41.5 I must qualify as only at ``imagination level``, but it would be typical (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4410-, April 24 at 0058, since RSC is in so well on 6134.8 and Daqui [BRAZIL] in so well on 4915-, it's time to look for something more exotic. And I do detect a JBA carrier here, which matches Carlos GonÁalves latest report from Portugal of: ``4409.8 R. Eco, Reyes, 2325-2339, 19/4, castelhano, canÁies; 45332``

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4409.9, Unid, Bolivia 2320 to 2330 carrier with poor audio 19 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4451.2, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma 2310 to 2333 some audio in Spanish with deep fades. marginal signal at best on 21 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4699.9, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta 1008 to 1018 om en español with some weak audio 17 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 5580, Radio San José, con Comerciales !!!!! Músicas ANNs e OM San José. De 26/02 às 1115 UT, SINPO 45444. Chiquitos, Santa Cruz province, Bolivia. Link video 5580 kHz Radio San José:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8QbFa-8kMw>
- See more at:
<http://www.dexismointernacional.com.br/radio-escuta/item/257-3-semana-de-escutas-em-onda-media-om-am.html>
(Daniel Wyllians, Local das escutas: Nova Xavantina, Mato Grosso ñ Brasil; Receptor: Tecsun S-2000; Antena: Long Wire L invertido 60 M. Horizontal, Hard-Core-DX mailing list April 28 via DXLD)

Is 5580 so distorted because it was transmitted that way, or you recorded it that way? (gh, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.44, Pio XII, Siglo Veinte 1000 to 1012 om in language, some Spanish music bridge 17 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5952+, Pio XII/Siglo XX, is also audible before 0100 April 24 with talk, 0102 with music. Its totally split frequency requires nothing further to identify it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.80, Radio Santa Cruz, 2355 clear signal ó no Brasil on 6135.2 ó om vocal than clear ID as iRadio Santa Cruzî by yl, 23 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6134.8, April 24 at 0054, fair signal with song in Spanish, no doubt R. Santa Cruz; if R. Aparecida is there too, it's too weak and/or too close to make much of a het tonight (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 3364.98 tentative, Brasil, Rádio Cultura, Araraquara, SP, 2355 noted with weak signal seems to have drifted frequency to 3365. 23 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST) You mean *from* 3365.0? (gh)

** BRAZIL. 3375.1, Brasil, Rádio Municipal São Gabriel da Cachoeira, 1040 to 1045 in Portuguese with om, signal fading out 17 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Escutas Videos DX:

4765, Rádio Integração, Relay Integração FM 99.9, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brasil. Melhor sinal nos últimos dias. Despertador Integração, com Evenilson Souza OM locutor, manda alô aos ouvintes e tocam músicas. O slogan é [Integração FM]. 22/04 - sinpo 35232 - 0922 UT. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPpwa2SkUdw>
<http://radioetvintegracao.com.br/programacao/>
(Daniel Wyllians, Local das escutas: Nova Xavantina, Mato Grosso ã Brasil; Receptor: Tecsun S-2000; Antena: Long Wire L invertido 60 M. Horizontal, Hard-Core-DX mailing list April 28 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4915, Brasil, Rádio Daqui, Goiânia, GO, 2350 to 0000 clear iRadio Daqui ID then música romântica 23 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST) And an hour later:

4915-, April 24 at 0101 UT, slightly on the low side compared to WWV, best 60m S American signal is here (nothing from Par. 4885, off again?) with rock music past 0100; 0101 quick announcement starting with beeps, copied only this in Brazuguese, ``1,230``, and back to vocal romantic music. 1230 is enough to match it to 10 kW R. Daqui, Goiânia, ZYF691, whose AM side per WRTH 2015 is indeed 1230, ZYH756 -- - rather than the other 4915 Brazilian, 25 kW R. Difusora Macapá, unless it also happens to be on MW 1230. But not among the many ZYs listed there; finding where it really is on MW is out of the question among pages and pages of stations, and the WRTH-listed website, <http://difusora.ap.gov.br> does not connect.

Guess what, it requires a www. and RDM is on 630 AM, with no mention of SW/TW. More about the latter which I did *not* log this time: <http://www.difusora.ap.gov.br/?pagina=117>
lengthy history of the station, mentioning that from 1957 to 1964 it was only on onda tropical, but never states the frequency! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4925.2, Brasil, Rádio Educação Rural, Tefé, AM, 2350 to

0000 with popular music; switching back and forth with 4915. Strong signal 23 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)*

** BRAZIL. QSL Radio Cidade Oldies, Brazil CONFIRMA«VO RECEBIDA: Cidade Oldies / Free Radio - Portuguese - Pernambuco - Brazil. - Captada em Morrinhos - CE - Brazil, por Jos  Maranh o, em 18/04/2015, entre 0317-0352 UT, na frequ ncia de 7305 KHz, com um SINPO: 35323, com excelente programa o musical! - Recebido cart o QSL full data, via Internet em apenas 2 dias, ap s o envio do e-mail ! - V/S: Sem V/S - QTH: cidadeoldies@live.nl

DX SOCIETY (The world of radio) Jos  Maranh o Morrinhos - CE - Brazil
<http://dxbrazilsw.blogspot.com.br/2015/04/qs1-radio-cidade-oldies.html>
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7605 kHz, Radio Cidade Oldies em 19 de abril sinpo 25212 [se escuta bem com fone de ouvido no receptor]
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_lW5J539tY
  uma esta o experimental sem fins lucrativos. O nosso P blico Alvo   atingir --- Dexistas, e quem goste de Musicas dos Anos 50s e 60s e pessoas amantes das ondas curtas
<http://dxbrazilsw.blogspot.com.br/2015/04/qs1-radio-cidade-oldies.html>
tamb m agora transmite em 13505 khz (Daniel Wylllys, Nova Xavantina MT, April 24, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

I.e., a pirate. If 7305 is correct rather than the second item as 7605 --- 7305 has Vatican via Greenville until 0245, a break, and then from 0330 VOA in Kinyarwanda via S o Tom . So R. Cidade overcame that?? The blog entry above says 7305, but the illustrated QSL itself says 7605. I wish people would pay more attention to accuracy, especially concerning frequencies, and if there is a contradixion, explain it, later if not sooner (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9664.7, April 30 at 0130, rabid gospel huxter in a Brazuguese lather, i.e. Voz Mission ria, in the clear and as always off-frequency, but no het and no mystery open carrier on 9665.0 as there was 24+ hours ago (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 11710, 11745 & 11815, April 23 at 0653 check, crackling spurs from 11780.1v RNA/RNB are worse than usual. The 11745 one is bothering Arabic on 11740, which is VATICAN direct.

11745, April 25 at 0223, some weak station with phone interview in unknown language is taking a direct hit from the RNA/RNB crackling spur. HFCC and Aoki show the only 11745 at any time is 02-03 RFA Tibetan via KUWAIT, and I think this is it rather than CNR1 jamming but which surely also attacks it from the other side. The matching

spur on 11815 is in the clear, lucky it. See also CUBA: 6001

11745 audible, and 11710 JB audible, April 26 at 0123 crackling spurs from RNA/RNB 11780.1v; 11815 unchecked? Unlogged, anyway. See also IRAN [and non]

11745 & 11815, April 29 at 0116, crackling spurs from 11780.1v RNA/RNB, but no second-order one to bother RAE on 11711-. However, the upper one is now QRMing another Brazilian, reactivated R. Brasil Central! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11815+, very slightly on hi side, maybe 20 Hz, April 29 at 0117, music with heavy QRM from persistent crackling spur out of overdriven/defective 250 kW, RNA/RNB transmitter on 11780.1v, with a matching one around 11745. This must be R·dio Brasil Central, reactivated. I knew this was going to happen if they ever came back, but will they realize what's going on and demand that RNA get fixed? Don't count on it. 0123 it's rock music and crackle gets worse, segue to song in Brazuguese; 0130 TC for ``dez horas, trinta minutos`` and right back to more music. Meanwhile at 0119 I had checked RBC's other inactive frequency, 4985 and found a very poor carrier there too and slightly on its hi side (but certainly not as high as 4985.5 which is R. Voz Cristiana, Per', BTW missing from Aoki unlike lots of dead stations).

Then I get a report from Wolfgang B,schel, that RBC was first back on 11815 last night as reported by Hans Pammer in Austria at 0350 April 28. wb was also hearing it via European SDRs at the same time as I tonight, 0105-0120, and measured it on 11815.023, 4985.010 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

11815.023, R·dio Brasil Central, Goi,nia, GO, 24 h P // 4985. Out for maintenance. - mentions Anker Petersen's DBS-17 file. But thanks to Hans tip of yesterday night:

25mb tx is back on air. Heard tonight in 0105-0120 UT slot April 29, on both 4985.010 and 11815.023 kHz, both poor S=6 or -88dBm signals on various remote SDR units. Nice female singer canciones [sic].

Better signal in 25mb, in Madrid S=8-9 fluttery, as well as same figures in DARC Amberg Beverage ant, and St. Gallen Switzerland. wb df5sx (Wolfgangt B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

----- Original Message -----

From: "Hans Pammer" <hans_pammer - at - @gmx.at>

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 8:02 PM

Subject: [A-DX] Radio Brasil Central reaktiviert 11815 kHz

<berraschung heute morgen. Der seit einigen Monaten schweigende Sender von Radio Brasil Central auf 11815 kHz konnte gegen 0350z mit brasilianischer Pop Mx, IDs sowie jingle mit 0=2-3 geloggt werden. 73, Hans (via wb, ibid.)

11815, April 30 at 0132, R. Brasil Central with spirited conversation, maybe during a silly ballgame, and remains all talk past 0144 mentioning Goi,nia, instead of music around this time last night. And once again, with severe QRM from the RNA 11780.1v crackling spur also hitting 11815, plus twin around 11745 and also second-order on 11710, but not much signal from Argentina to bother there.

4985+, April 30 at 0132, at first couldn't hear the other RBC channel but by 0150 it's JBA with traces of modulation, signature slightly on the hi side, but not as high as 4985.5 which is Per' (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Giovedì 30 aprile 2015 (VR5000DSP [= receiver employed]). Spesso in questi mesi ho controllato R. Brasile Central su 11815 kHz verso le 0530, ma la notavo sempre spenta e, invece, questa mattina era accesa. E' irregolare, davvero È stata ferma o magari c'È qualche extra avvenimento locale?

0537 - 11815.02, R. BRASIL CENTRAL, Canzone live Daniela Mercury. SF (anche se a dire il vero c'È un DRM su 11800 letteralmente devastante per circa + o - 30 kHz) [Romania English to W Europe 0530-0600]

0539 - 11780.10, RN DA AMAZONIA (B), Portuguese, telefonata OM. SF-In

(SWL I1-0799GE, Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, G.C. 44 21' 06.89" N / 09 13' 30.94" E, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Sufficient/insufficient gradings. Separate logs, as he apparently finds no spur crackle from the latter upon the former, the DRM from Romania being worse (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BRASIL, R·dio Brasil Central 25mb tx is back on air:
0000-2400 on 11815 GOI 7.5 kW / 360 deg to BRA, video
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/radio-brasil-central-25mb-tx-is-back-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BULGARIA [and non]. April 22:
SPL announcement in English to WeEu 1315 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtmVXIjdfo8&feature=youtu.be>

SPL relay Brother Stair in English to WeEu 1317 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47KcIESwLUU&feature=youtu.be>

April 22:

SPL relay Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1310 on 11510 Secretbrod
+ 11490, 11530, 23020 [spurs and harmonic]
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHt2KvcpJD4&feature=youtu.be>

SPL relay Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1621 on 11510 Secretbrod
+ 11490, 11530, 23020
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doGGgNIJ_lk&feature=youtu.be

TDF relay Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1702 on 11510 Issoudun
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMy05CgAIPg&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. SECRETLAND, Radio Spaceshuttle will have special test
broadcast at new time
2000-2100 on 13800 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English Apr 26, ex
1800-1900
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/radio-spaceshuttle-will-have-special.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015
via DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. 800, April 28 at 0647 UT, secular talk show in
English with KQCV OKC nulled, presumably CKLW Windsor with 'Coast to
Coast AM' [and beyond border-to-border], and same thing one word later
on 790, probably KFY0 Lubbock TX, among half a dozen other 790
affiliates. The 800 QRM will get a lot worse if PJB3 succeeds in
upping power from Bonaire to 450 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. A powerful new Chinese station showed up on 1566
kHz during the week of April 8th, noted first of all by Japanese DXers
(Hiroyuki Okamura and others). Mauno Ritola also heard the 1566
Chinese signal via a remote Perseus receiver in Japan, and thought
that the new Chinese station's power should at least be 100 kW. By
coincidence, I was in Ocean Shores, WA during that week for a 2 day
trip, and noticed the new Chinese station interfering with HLAZ's
Japanese service signal at times
<http://www.mediafire.com/listen/8bdpotl5ib1b3px/1566-HLAZ-UnID-mix-1314z040915CCSW.MP3>

As for the identity of the powerful new Chinese station and the
bizarre choice of 1566 kHz as its frequency (which is one of the most
"occupied" frequencies in east Asia, with HLAZ's 250 kW transmitter),
there are differences of opinion. HLAZ broadcasts Chinese Christian
programs in Mandarin to China, which the Beijing government probably
doesn't feel very happy about. 73, (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA,

USA), April 24, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

On shortwave, Chinese jamming is a lot more sophisticated these days. Gone are the days of loud rackets on shortwave caused by firedrake. For quite awhile the Chinese have been merely ``co-channeling`` with multiple transmitters and out-of-time [on purpose] transmissions to interfere with western broadcasts.

We poor western international broadcasters have taken so much ``stuff`` off the air though that the Chinese have surplus facilities and for the past few years have been jamming [co-channeling] English from VOA, BBC and others. Years and years of official complaining have had no effect and even direct negotiations during the early 90's while working towards a[nother] ``most favored nation`` trade agreement led to naught when talks broke off immediately upon Clinton signing the MFN agreement.

When we ``test`` to see how serious the Chinese are about jamming a particular frequency used for Mandarin or Tibetan by moving the new frequency is found and jammed within 4 minutes. That's one helluva of a monitoring network and rivals what the Russians could do in the depth of the cold war.

Beijing is also known to ``go after`` some religious broadcasters and as Gary points out they are notoriously paranoid about any ``movement`` that puts anything above the State (Bill Whitacre, DC, IBB, IRCA via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 19000, Thu April 23 at 1357, CNR1 jammer // 11785, maybe some other audio too.

19000 is registered as the Thursday-only frequency at 13-14 of RFA Tibetan via Kuwait. 18990 as the Wednesday & Saturday jumparound frequency during same hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17705, April 24 at 1258, CNR1 jammer good signal and heavy QRM from Saudi Arabia and/or intended victim All India Radio in Chinese.

Meanwhile, circa 1300 April 24, the other AIR Chinese frequency, 15795 bears DRM noise only. HFCC claims it's not DRM, but Aoki shows DRM, and also *jammed. Could the jamming also be DRM? That should make for interesting decoding.

18990, April 24 at 1259, CNR1 jammer, good level, timesignal and off 1300*. Then I check nearby and find 18980 at 1300 with VP signal, presumably RFA Tibetan via KUWAIT before jammer rehits it, as that is indeed scheduled to jump from 18990 to 18980 Fridays & Tuesdays at 1300.

11825, April 25 at 1256, VG signal from CNR1 jammer, atop not only its intended victim, VOA Chinese via Philippines until 1300 but also Brother Scare via WRMI, another rule reversal, the latter now scheduled 10-22, altho registered as available 24 hours.

11840, April 25 at 1256, CNR1 jammer // 11825, but not as strong. Victim here is AIR Chinese until 1315.

14920, April 25 at 1329, CNR1 jammer with VG signal, yet none in the 00B 15s, 16s or 17s.

13690, April 25 at 1331, CNR1 jammer, a couple seconds ahead of 14920, and with CCI from victim. Nothing shown in Aoki of April 24 to account for this, nothing anywhen on 13690, but HFCC shows an IBB Chinese transmission started April 13 at 13-14 on 13690, via Saipan. And EiBi already has both VOA and the jammer as of April 18. No CNR1s in the 12s.

[non?]. 19010, April 26 at 1330, JBA signal here, during the only hour RFA Tibetan via Kuwait is scheduled, i.e. Sundays, but too weak to tell if that or the CNR1 jammer (Glenn Hasuer, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. CHINA/TAIWAN/VIETNAM, 9729.949 / 9730 Terrible mixture co-channel of few signals on this channel at 1650 UT on April 27.

V of Vietnam in Russian language from Son Tay site in Vietnam - on even channel; maybe the Vietnamese ditler jamming signal appeared also on 9731 kHz.

Odd signal SOH Sound of Hope from Taiwan on odd 9729.949 kHz, as like WHITE NOISE broadband jamming signal from mainland China underneath, in range 9724 to 9736 kHz! (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non?]. 17790, April 28 at 0607, poor signal in Chinese, the only signal on 16m besides VG RA on 17840. During this hour only, RFA Chinese is scheduled via SAIPAN; in this case, I can't be sure whether it's that or a CNR1 jammer (via Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 9580, April 25 at 0134, I notice that CRI English relay via CUBA has a barely audible weak LAH, unlike clear // 9570 ALBANIA. Still so at 0227 when CRI is in Chinese.

So what could the understation be? Checking Aoki, we see a 9579 listing for PBS Radio ng Bayan, 500 watts in the Philippines, but this

one is much closer to 9580.0, a pitch barely enough to be audible, and we've not seen any reports of PBS for years. What else?

KBS World Radio direct from South Korea on 81 degree antenna toward Hawaii and S America, Japanese until 0200, then English, likely that and probably a bigger collision further south. Also after 0200 is listed PBS Xizang, Lhasa, Tibet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. CRI - I'm hearing "The Beijing Hour" right now (Sunday 26 April at 1100-1200 UT on 17490) which is somewhat unexpected as this programme is scheduled Monday to Friday only. Sundays would normally be "News and Reports" followed by "World According to Words". Not sure if this is a one-off change, or an error, or whether this indicates a permanent change to the CRI schedule. Will need further monitoring.

CRI - Continuing to monitor CRI on Sunday 26 April. At 1205 I hear "Heartbeat" (instead of "Global Chinese Music") followed by "Horizons" (as normally scheduled). Will monitor further over the next week (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wonder if they've shuffled their schedules?

If you click the "Programs" tab on the News Plus microsite, there's a 24-hour schedule shown - which doesn't list any editions of "News and Reports"; this is for AM 846 in Beijing.

I wonder if that's what we're hearing today; that jives with the AM 846 schedule, which is given in Beijing time (UT +8); at 1100 UT (1900 Beijing time) "Beijing Hour" is listed.

Conversely, at 1205 UT (2005 Beijing Time) the schedule for AM 1008 appears to show "Heartbeat" followed by "Features"; which would appear to be different from the "Global Chinese Music | Horizons" combination

The SW schedule is linked to AM 1008, so they say. The CRI website doesn't do a good job marrying up to their shortwave service; one has to hunt to find it (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA, April 26, NASWA yg via DXLD)

I e-mailed CRI about the change to scheduled programmes that I heard at the weekend, and they replied promptly: "We had changed our programme schedule since April 10th, 2015", and they referred me to their schedule at <http://english.cri.cn/7146/2013/11/06/2203s796779.htm> However the NewsPlus schedule on this page does not reflect shortwave programming, and whilst there is a link at the foot of the page to a

shortwave schedule, that is out of date. I have emailed CRI again!
(Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, April 28, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11910, April 26 at 1305, CRI English, poor with flutter, and a
different program-hour than second-adjacent 11900 with fair signal
during 'China Drive' show, the latter // but not synch with 9570 via
Cuba. 11910 is Beijing site, 11900 Kunming. Even the ChiCom can't seem
to keep sorted out correctly the three or four different program-hours
daily of CRI English. Maybe 11910 is an anomaly, but heard before, as
it's filling in for what used to be the relay of Spain (Glenn Hauser,
OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. Target: CHINA (CHN)
STREAM OF PRAISE MUSIC MINISTRIES (Rlg) (NEW ENTRY)
W: <http://www.sop.org>; E: ely@sop.org
kHz: 7530
Summer Schedule 2015
Cantonese/Chinese Days Area kHz
2100-2130 daily CHN 7530tac

Note: This station originally appeared in WRTH2015 as an
UNIDENTIFIED STATION, since publication, however, we have been able
to establish that programming originates from the Stream of Praise
Music Ministries (WRTH A-15 Update via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. 6010.14, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Puerto
Lleras, 1110 to 1125 y1 en espa0ol with Christian music, same time
nothing on 5910 this on 22 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach,
South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 -
2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910-, April 24 at 0140, very poor signal slightly on the low side,
with music in noise level, must be HJDH, which I continue NOT to hear
after 0500 when NHK/France is finished with its 0300-0500 blockage.
Nothing else scheduled before 0300. Also at 0140 there is a LAH on
6010, presumably the other HJDH vs ZYE521, both off-frequency.

5910-, April 24 at 0539, music on very poor signal, 0542 Spanish
talkover it; 0544 running-water ute QRM briefly, but no sign of TWR
via Austria which is in Polish M-F at 0545-0600 on 5910; already
propped out? Other Moosbrunn on 6155 is but a JBA carrier now.

Anyhow, this belies my previous remark that HJDH is not being heard
after NHK/France finishes at 0500*. It was on earlier same date at
0140, so this time it continues, but quite insufficiently, unlike
adequate signal it used to provide for its mostly-music.

5910, April 26 at 0129, huge ``running water`` ute owns the frequency, but when it stops, music is very poorly audible, i.e. HJDH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910, Alcarav'n Radio/La Voz de tu Conciencia, Puerto Lleras, 0525-0545, 26-04, Latin American songs. 14321 (MÈndez)

6010, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Puerto Lleras, 0505-0515, 26-04, Spanish, religious comments. Very weak. 13221 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880 and Sony ICF SW 7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters and Degen 31MS active loop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910+, fair signal April 29 at 0553, HJDH with peppy tropical music, hum audible during pauses, slightly on hi side for a change compared to whatever is on 910 MW. 0559 mistimecheck as ``es la una en punto, Sistema Radial Alcarav'n`` ID. No mention now of Conciencia.

6010+, the other HJDH is also on and playing similar but not same music, April 29 at 0556 past 0600, and would ID as La Voz de tu Conciencia; also off-frequency to the hi side (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO. 6115, Radio Congo, Brazaville, 1815-1831*, 22-04, French, comments about Congo, identification: "Radio Congo". 13221 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880 and Sony ICF SW 7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters and Degen 31MS active loop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1020, April 28 at 0619, as I am monitoring the LAH mystery (see U S A), I swivel the DX-398, and catch a ``RR`` in code, so there's a Radio Reloj outlet. None of the three Cubans on 1020 in WRTH 2015 is Reloj, so maybe a new one, or one of the trio plugs into Reloj overnight. Or:

Terry Krueger's Cubalist as of Feb 11, 2014 recalls that in 2003-2006y there was a jammer against Martí on 1020 in Jarobo, Las Tunas with Reloj audio. Also linked is Mauricio Molano's more recent exhaustive listing from official sources as of 2010y, showing 1020 Reloj as 10 kW in Victoria de las Tunas (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Frequency change of Cuban Spy Number HM01: 0554-0648 NF 14375 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Spanish Tue/Thu/Sat, ex9330 kHz (Ivo Ivanov-BUL, hcdx via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 21)

Ivo, sure ? - why do you assume that emission originate from broadcast center Bauta site? Newly 6 x 100 kW units are occupied by RHC programmes schedule, is totally refurbished site with latest

Chinese made BBEP Beijing shortwave transmitter gear, refurbished also with new antenna masts of China design and TXS in 2006 til 2010.

I guess all these veiled number station operation by Cuban secret service authorities, as well as jamming activities against US Spanish station "Radio Martí" originate from partly hidden site at Bejucal location with special UNDERGROUND broadcast center installation, erected by USSR Radio Moscow from 1965 year (Wolfgang B,schel April 21 to hcdx ng, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews 26 April via DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. 15730, April 22 at 1359, RHC back on here, and not on 15340, as mistaken 24 hours earlier.

6000, April 23 at 0700, RHC in Spanish until 0701*, presumably just a tail after the English service; meanwhile the other English frequencies stay on a while longer past 0702 with open carriers, 6060, 6100, 6165 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

April 24: Radio Habana Cuba in Spanish to SoAm, frequency schedule 1100 on 15730 Bauta
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REUazlmLKHS&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15355-15385, April 24 at 1303, RHC 15370 is extremely strong and splattering at least to 15 kHz either side, and desensitizing the FRG-7. Enough, already.

6000, April 25 at 0236, RHC English dumps off the air for a second or two, maybe six times in the next minute, as I am noticing a het close to 1 kHz on the hi side. It's too weak for any modulation, but clear during the RHC outages.

When on, this and the other RHC English frequency, 6165, are both unreasonably weakened, undermodulated, and not enough to overcome the general storm noise level from adjacent states. The CRI relays from Cuba on 9 MHz do much better. Why does Arnie put all RHC's English eggs in the one basket of 6 MHz? But he certainly can't take propagational/frequency advice from me!

As for the carrier on 6001, could be: 4 kW EBC Brasília? R. Guaíba has also been reported lately on nominal 6000. 4XZ, Israeli Navy, Haifa has also shown up around here, but this is a continuous wave, not CW.

6100, April 25 at 0540, RHC English is instead open carrier/dead air here, while nominal on the remainder of The Cuban Five: 6165, 6060, 6000, 5040.

6000 still has a het from weak carrier on 6001, April 25 at 0541, but

at least the 6000 carrier is no longer dropping off like 3+ hours earlier.

6000, April 26 at 0101, RHC English is instead open carrier/dead air, while 6165 is modulatory. Then at 0103 I find that 6000 has dumped off the air. No het/carrier from 6001 tonight. 0129 recheck, 6000 is on and modulating too, but underish.

11670, April 26 at 0123, RHC is just barely modulated here, dead air on 11840, but OK on 11760. ¿Qué m.s hay de nuevo?

17730, April 27 at 2232, 17730 is off. Supposed to be the frequency for Europe until 2300 including 'Revista Nuestra América' the last two hours in Spanish. Certainly not due to propagation, as the spy numbers digital beeps and spoken numerals are inbooming on 17480. Other RHC frequencies are confirmed still on, including 15370, 15230, 13740.

This link

<http://www.radiohc.cu/interesantes/frecuencias>

now leads to a pdf of the new A-15 schedule, much better organized and easier to refer to than previous seasons. If only it were followed.

Another very ragged start to the evening English to North America: at 0100 UT April 29, 6000 is on nominally, but the other frequency, 6165 keeps cutting off: 0100 OC then off; 0101 OC adds mod, then dead air, off; back on, carrier only. 0102 adds mod, dumps off again; 0103 ``now the news in detail`` and off again, back on with dead air; 0105 a few seconds of news, dead air, cut off and on, modulation, stays on, maybe now for good. It seemed that starting the modulation each time would cause the transmitter to dump off the air (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 7405, April 23 at 0657, wall-of-noise jamming from the DentreCuban Jamming Command is not enough to prevent me from hearing R. Martí explaining exact receiving antenna dimensions ideal for its different SW and MW frequencies. Probably more detail than really necessary, but when you're jammed, every little bit may help. 0659 announcing RM frequencies now as 5980 & 6030, and 7405 cuts off promptly at 0700* while the jamming continues a while longer. The other two frequencies are already jammed (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6080, April 26 at 0328, music from VOA BOTSWANA, poor-fair signal and no pulse jamming now, plugging VOAnews.com or Facebook. However, at 0544 recheck now there is stray/spurious pulse jamming against nothing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. Technical details concerning BBG operations: see U S A [and

non]

** CZECHIA [non]. My first look thru the WRTH A-15 update file provokes these comments/corrections:

`RADIO PRAGUE (Pub)
kHz: 738, 9955
Summer Schedule 2015
English Days Area kHz
0400-0430 mtwtfs. LAm 9955yfr
1630-1700 mtwtf.. LAm 9955yfr
1800-1830 mtwtf.s LAm 9955yfr
1900-1930 ss LAm 9955yfr`

Long outdated info, WRMI 9955 is NOT on the air in the daytime 14-21 UT, reconfirmed today, and when it was, carried nothing but Brother Scare. Maybe info came from Prague, under the wrong impression? Also misses the Mon-Sat 1200-1230 English. Some of the other English/Spanish times may be outdated too, unchecked (Glenn Hauser, April 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DJIBOUTI. Technical details concerning BBG operations, and R. Djibouti: see U S A [and non]

** DODECANESE ISLANDS. Gregory Peck and family visit the VOA Courier in Rhodes whilst filming the Guns of Navarone there in 1960, 6 minute video.

USCGC Courier
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=US5tNgvfTIg>
(via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD)
Low-res monochrome. Sidebar with other Courier videos (gh)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 5060.00, 0020-0030, CHINA, 25.4, Xinjiang PBS, Urumqi. Chinese talk, people shouting, ads, ID: "Xinjiang renmin kwangpo dientai" 35232 // 3950 (nearly faded out 15111) 5960 (35333). Best 73, (Anker Petersen, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, WB yg via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. MWDX to Québec: see PROPAGATION

** EGYPT. 04/22/15, 0317, 9965 -- Radio Cairo in Arabic, coming in very decently all the way from North Africa, for once! Middle-Eastern sounding music with male vocal (?). Clapping heard at end of song, which was immediately followed by tune from what seemed like different artist at 0320. SINPO 34333 (Bill ;lvarez, TECSUN PL-380 portable in Fort Worth, Texas, USA, with 25 foot reel wire antenna, on a first floor, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9665.024, Nearby distorted Radio Cairo's French service at 2000-2115 UT, and scratch noise bandwidth from 9648 to 9684 kHz, even overlap also NIGERIA in range 9682 to 9684 kHz. Another scratch noise signal spurious heard on 9556 to 9566 kHz (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

re Radio Cairo ``11935, April 11 at 0116`` --- mostly covered totally by GB Marti Spanish 11930 + jamming on proper sidebands too. Not usable here in Europe`` --- wb

While residual pulse jamming often continues on 11930, R. Marti is finished with 11930 at 2400 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

log April 24 at 0245- 0310 UT:

EGYPT, 13850.073, Very strong carrier 'seen' + 8 x 50 Hertz strings on both sidebands, most likely from Abis at 0306 UT, no audio at all, no spurious, just pure carrier at S=9+30dB level in central Europe.

9315.000, R Cairo performing Arabic song in supposedly Spanish service at 0258 UT April 14, S=9+25dB here in southern Germany. But some UTE co-channel some annoying dithering signal [9315 is supposedly English at 0200-0330 --- gh]

9965.335, Nice Arabic radioplay, some family member speaking, fine audio at powerhouse S=9+35dB signal strength (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9965.254, at 0059 UT heard Radio Cairo in Arabic, S=9+15dB in Boston MA-US remote unit. Nice old Egyptian singer from Nasser era in the 60ties [should be 6ties?]. There are two different transmitters in use by Radio Cairo on 9965 kHz, one is excellent EVEN frequency and much better audio modulation too, the other differ 254 Hertz footprint upper-side (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 19/20 via BC-DX 26 April via DXLD)

Or three? Lately one has been at least that far on the lower side (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9965.335, Nice Arabic radioplay, some family member speaking, fine audio at powerhouse S=9+35dB signal strength (Wolfgang B,schel, April 24, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews via BC-DX 26 April via DXLD)

9315, April 24 at 0104, R. Cairo in Spanish, fair and somewhat distorted

12070, April 24 at 0104, R. Cairo in Spanish, good signal with more

distortion than 9315

11935, April 24 at 0105, R. Cairo, fair signal but just barely modulated. Occasional peaks are barely matchable to 12070 Spanish. No het from 11935 Brasil, off again? QRM de jammer pulses bleeding from Cuba 11930 against nothing.

13580, April 25 at 0218, fair signal with very suptorted music, alla Qahira, but R. Cairo not scheduled here now: I'll bet it's a mis-punch for 13850, which is missing! Supposed to start at 0200 in Arabic to N America, and talk which follows could be Arabic. Abis does use 13580, however, for the Albanian service at 1500, on same 315 azimuth, and it's horribly distorted too.

Checking HFCC later, I see that this will collide with BBC Hindi via Uzbekistan at 0230-0300 on 13580; ooh.

9315, April 25 at 0228, R. Cairo frequency is producing regular bursts of slightly wavering hi-pitched noise in regular pattern of 10 seconds on, 2 seconds off, way above JBM talk presumed English more audible during the pauses. A new kind of defect for miserable Misr.

9965.4, April 25 at 0230, R. Cairo, VG signal in Arabic, some distortion and whine; see also UNIDENTIFIED 9825.

13850, April 25 at 0534, R. Cairo is suptorted as usual in Arabic to N America, by now having landed on correct frequency instead of transposed 13580 as noted earlier at 0218. In a rùle-reversal, 13850 has a bit of splatter from stronger 13840 NHK French via Madagascar; but it matters not, since 13850 is totally unreadable and useless anyway.

11935, April 26 at 0125, presumed R. Cairo, good level with flutter, but JBM. The traces of talk modulation are no match to 12070 with Qur'an at the moment. But 9315, undermodulated in Spanish, is // 11935. There is no ZY het on 11935, so RB2 still off. 9965, the Arabic frequency, is not // any of them.

9315, April 26 at 0327 toward the end of the 'English' sesquihour, fair signal, but JBM with only a few spikes detectable (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345.271, Radio Cairo distorted signal. Couldn't even recognize the language, at 1612 UT on April 27 (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST) English 16-18 (gh)

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 [sic]

UNIDentified station, probably test of Radio Cairo, long Arabic songs:

till 1232 on 9964.6 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to NEAm, strong on April 26:
1245-1300 on 9964.6 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to NEAm, strong on April 22:
(Bulgarian DX Blog via DXLD)

Unscheduled transmissions of Radio Cairo with long Arabic songs

April 27

0730-0830 on 9964.6 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to NEAm and again

1030-1150 on 9964.6 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg to NEAm, videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/unscheduled-transmissions-of-radio.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Since they are unscheduled, how can you be sure they are on a certain
azimuth just because 9965v may be so elsewhen? (gh, DXLD) More at UNID

Radio Cairo April 28, 0800-0830 on 9964.6

Unscheduled transmissions of Radio Cairo April 28, 0800-0830 on 9964.6

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/unscheduled-transmissions-of-radio.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, April 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

11935+, April 29 at 0113, open carrier, slightly on the hi side but no
het from no Brasil, i.e. R. Cairo. Some residual jamming bleed from
11930. Did not get around to checking the other Cairo frequencies this
session.

11935+, April 30 at 0137, R. Cairo, fair with flutter, open carrier /
dead air instead of Spanish

12070+, April 30 at 0137, R. Cairo, very good signal but terribly
suptorted Spanish

9315, April 30 at 0138, R. Cairo, fair in Spanish, undermodulated, but
less distorted than 12070 and matchable to it

9964.6, April 30 at 0140, R. Cairo in Arabic, good signal but
distorted, and whine applied. This used to be considerably on the hi
side, but now on the lo side, like Ivo Ivanov has been hearing at
various times 0800/1200 with music only and presumed to be same
transmitter when it will not reach North America

13850, April 30 at 0159, R. Cairo, good with flutter, as the 5-hour
open carrier/dead air broadcast is just commencing (Glenn Hauser, OK,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. V of the Broad Masses of Eritrea first programme was re-
activated on 19 April 2015 (heard at 0425 in vernaculars on 7200 kHz)
or earlier. S/on at 0254 and close/down at 1833 on 7200.

Eritrea 2 on 7175 is *0255-, ñ1803*, featuring news in Arabic from

0330 and from 1730 ñ here some of the programs are jammed by DRM white noise. Observations made during 19-24 April (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

April 21:

VOBME 2 in Amharic to EaAf 1704 on 7175 Asmara Selea Daro
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yB0Ha6ZZgk8&feature=youtu.be>

VOBME 1 in Tigrinya to EaAf 1706 on 7200 Asmara Selea Daro
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpu0T7YzyZA&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7200, Voice of Broad Masses, Asmara-Selea Daro, 0324-0330, escuchada el 28 de abril de 2015, probablemente en amharico a locutora con comentarios entre emisiones de m'sica Ètnica, SINPO 23322 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena hilo de 10m; Blog valenciadx: <http://valenciadx.blogspot.es/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. April 24:

Eritrean Forum in Tigrinya to EaAf 1755 on 15245 Issoudun
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-j05Z_kXDck&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Clandestina: FRANCIA, 15245, Radio Medrek, Issoudun, 1745-1750, escuchada el 29 de abril de 2015 en idioma tigrìòa, locutor con comentarios, segmento de m'sica, locutor con cuÒa, comentarios y emiten la misma m'sica, SINPO 44333 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena hilo de 10m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It might seem that this is missing from WRTH 2015 and the A-15 update, but Medrek is just another name for Eritrean Forum Radio (gh, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 6030, Radio Oromiya, Addis Ababa, 0336-0342, escuchada el 28 de abril de 2015 en afar a locutor y locutora con comentarios en lo que parece un boletìn de noticias, intervenciones espor·dicas de corresponsal, SINPO 22332 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena hilo de 10m; Blog valenciadx: <http://valenciadx.blogspot.es/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Blocked here by Cuban radio war, even on Mondays (gh)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. CLANDESTINES:

15165, R. Risala, Apr 24 *1830-1840, 35333 Oromo, 1830 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk.

17630, R. Freedom, Apr 21 *1600-1603, 25332-22332, Somali, 1600 sign

on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, QRM of Jamming, Jamming from 1602.

17630, V. of Oromo Liberation, Apr 22 *1700-1710, 35333, Oromo, 1700 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk.

17850, Oromo Voice, Apr 25 *1600-1610, 35333-34333, Oromo, 1600 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk.

17870, R. Freedom, Apr 20 *1600-1610, 25332-24332, Somali, 1600 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Koran, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. 25000, Time Signal Station Mikes, 1802-1810, 23-04, time signals, beeps with the seconds and silent at second 59. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880 and Sony ICF SW 7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters and Degen 31MS active loop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. 1557, Sender Nizza, oberhalb Monaco am Berg. Der Sender Nizza auf MW 1557 kHz wird am 31. August 2015 abgeschaltet. Der Vertrag mit dem Betreiber laeuft an dem Datum aus. Gruesse aus Suedfrankreich (Cuvans Develioglu, France, A-DX April 22 via BC-DX 26 April via DXLD)

** FRANCE. 17570, April 23 at 2000, ``Bonjour`` from a station in French, poor with flutter, so is it morning there? No, it isn't even daytime, from AWR to Africa via Issoudun (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. 17660, April 24 at 1256, good signal in French, i.e. RFI at 12-13, but HFCC registered for both MADAGASCAR at 305 degrees and SOUTH AFRICA at 342 degrees, the entire A-15 season, so which is it, really? EiBi & Aoki both pick MADAGASCAR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. 1060, April 29 at 0517, news in Spanish from RFI, as reliably relayed at local midnight by R. EducaciÙn, MÈxico; LAH from off-channels XERDO and KIJN, always messing up this frequency, but at least the DF station now manages to overcome the closer ones. Supposed to reduce power at night from 100 to 20 kW, but IDs always claim 100. 0601 ID for XEEP 1060 and also claiming to be on 49 metros, 6185, which typically signs off just before the RFI relay at 0500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. My first look thru the WRTH A-15 update file provokes these comments/correxions:

Summer Schedule 2015
English Days Area kHz
0600-0700 daily CAf,WAf 13725iss
2100-2200 mt...s. Eu,NAm 15770yfr

Current WRMI 15770 schedule shows RFI Musique Wed at 2115-2200, Thu at 2130-2200 as filler, which of course is not English except incidentally some of the musique presented might be.

Mon & Tue, (not Sat) however at 2100-2200 is labeled Radio France International, implying that it might actually be English one-hour transmissions. Need to confirm by monitoring, or has anyone already noted it? While current WRMI website skeds are the best source of info about WRMI, they are not necessarily totally correct, as 7570/15770 programming is often mixed up at 21-22 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 872/873 kHz, AFRTS/AFN Frankfurt MW Masten sind gefallen. In service 1951 to 2013, final in 2015.

Three MW mast blown up April 23, 2015.
<<http://www.taunus-zeitung.de/lokales/hochtaunus/vordertaunus/AFN-Masten-sind-gefallen;art48711,1369221>>

Switched OFF on air service for ever on May 31, 2013 (Herbert Meixner, Austria, A-DX April 23 via BC-DX 26 April via DXLD)

Stills and video of the 3-mast felling (gh, DXLD)

See also DXLD of May 17, 2009 for history of AFN Europe on its 60th anniversary (wb, op. cit.) Easier to find if you specify issue number

** GERMANY. Jubilee transmissions of the German Radio Club DARC.

DARC is the name of the Deutsche Amateur Radio Clubs. (German Amateur Radio Clubs). A lot of local Radioclubs in Germany are a member of DARC. This year the club celebrates its 65th anniversary and one of the highlights will be a weekly 1 hour radio program on shortwave.

As of March 22, 2015 the program is transmitted on Sundays between 0900-1000 UT from Moosbrunn in Austria. They are using the facilities of +RS the Austrian Radio Service. The program is transmitted via an omni directional antenna and a transmitter with a power of 100 kW. The repeat transmission is on Mondays between 1500-1600 UT with a power of 10 kW from a site in Ingolstadt (Germany) The frequency for both transmissions is 6070 kHz.

The program consists of various very interesting items for both the transmitting and listening amateur.

Unfortunately the presentation is in the German language, but for most radio enthusiasts it will be not too difficult to understand. The program is presented by Conny Ferrin and Conny has a long history in presenting programs for example on RTL Radio Luxemburg.

For all of you interested in the programs I've put them on-line and you'll find the links below. Enjoy!

Radio DARC March 22,2015

<http://www88.zippyshare.com/v/tL0rZ2Ns/file.html>

Radio DARC March 29,2015

<http://www88.zippyshare.com/v/9eMtsHTY/file.html>

Radio DARC April 5,2015

<http://www88.zippyshare.com/v/In1b5MDV/file.html>

Radio DARC April 12,2015

<http://www88.zippyshare.com/v/VNAP7Tmd/file.html>

Radio DARC April 19,2015

<http://www88.zippyshare.com/v/92hAJvQL/file.html>

Radio DARC April 26,2015

<http://www55.zippyshare.com/v/odxBoMtE/file.html>

(via Jan Osterveen, April 28, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. Media Broadcast A15 schedule

http://www.media-broadcast.com/fileadmin/Downloads/Radio/MBR_A15_operational_schedule_29032015.pdf

(via Akbar Indra Gunawan, April 24, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD) Is that a paw-print as MBR logo? (gh, DXLD)

** GERMANY. WIN A TRIP TO BERLIN ñ deadline May 28 to DW

with a photo of yourself at a World Heritage site

<http://www.dw.de/win-a-trip-to-berlin/a-18349885>

Here the list of over a thousand; chances are you have been to one+

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list>

(DW via gh, DXLD) QSLing DW: see ARMENIA

** GERMANY [and non]. Video from Deutsche Welle in the 90's

A few days ago I saw this video of DW in the early 90's

Part 1 covers footage of the DW measuring and monitoring facility in Bockhacken (40 km N-E of Cologne). Also nice footage of the transmittersites in Juelich and Wertachtal. And a short impression of the German Satellite Groundstation in Raisting (Upper Bavaria)

Shortwave on DW

http://www.euscreen.eu/item.html?id=EUS_09D9B825A1AA42EA97992FB3F5BB17E5

History of DW's shortwave programs, including technical explanations.
In 1993, there were five relay stations around the world.

Part 2 has footage of the DW relay in Sines (Portugal).

DW relay station in Sines

http://www.euscreen.eu/play.jsp?id=EUS_CC1C3F1ABC034B27B89B5AC62D7CEA3F

The Sines/Portugal relay station was set up to provide shortwave radio to eastern European countries. In 1993 acquired two modern antennas. Enjoy!! (Jan Oosterveen, April 23, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

> DW measuring and monitoring facility in Bockhacken (40 kms N-E of Cologne)

What has become of it, what was its fate when DW wound up its shortwave operations?

> Also nice footage of the transmittersites in Juelich and Wertachtal.

Plus Osterloog, but beware: What is shown at 2'25 is the original 100 kW mediumwave transmitter from 1939, last used on 1295 kHz for BBC programming until it had been shut down in 1962 and the frequency taken over by the Crowborough facility, replacing 1340 kHz there.

<http://www.rundfunk-nostalgie.de/sendero.html>

> Part 2 has footage of the DW relay in Sines (Portugal).

Still with the old Marconi transmitters, also still with EMT 377 limiter/compressors (7'18). Featured is how coils had to be replaced for band changes, and the comment states that tubes for these transmitters were still available thanks to a larger number still being used by the BBC, but temporary shortages already occurred. It also appears that the two new antennas made it possible for the first time to use the facility for transmissions to Africa and the western hemisphere.

By the way, did you already know that Marconi was the supplier of the first colour TV cameras (their Mark VII) of both the BBC and East German DFF?

See also

http://www.euscreen.eu/item.html?id=EUS_0D640222C8F2453787199EE47AD7E5B8

Featured here are the uplink facilities operated at this time on the Berlin-Britz transmitter site. At 2'30 you see the actual transmitter

control room, which later had been rebuilt completely (neither this console nor any of the equipment in the racks were still there in 2013).

And did you already know that D2-MAC and HD-MAC are the future of TV? Well, if only those pesky markets would not come into the way of the EUSSR...

http://www.euscreen.eu/item.html?id=EUS_219DFF8EED894302A5CC0B0334818E83

It's plain ridiculous how this feature shows off some production with HD tube cameras (which were the last hurra of former Bosch / Fernseh GmbH at Darmstadt). The reality on IFA 1991 was that WDR did its large-scale TV production there with its 15 years old Bosch KCK cameras and ZDF with its not much newer RCA Tk-47 (Kai Ludwig, *ibid.*)

[Re PORTER, under UK:] Re: Video from Deutsche Welle in the 90's

A similar thing had been done by or rather for Deutschlandfunk to claim 1268 kHz while the Arpsdorf transmitter was not ready yet: They run it from the Mainflingen MW site and asked the press to not report this operation. It was feasible because the facility had three 350 kW transmitters, of which only two were to be combined to a single 700 kW on 1538 kHz, and a separate double-cone antenna:

http://www.radiomuseum.org/forum/dradio_magic_disc.html#1

Concerning 1295 kHz the question is how the BBC relay from Osterloog came to an end. It's possible that the BBC has literally been thrown out, since shortly afterwards the site had been sold by Norddeutscher Rundfunk to the postal office and rebuilt to a utility transmission facility (for the Norddeich Radio maritime service).

All the best, (Kai Ludwig, *shortwavesites* yg via DXLD)

How to get free access to these videos at EUSCREEN.eu ?

301922_01_19930503_TV_History_dw_kurzwelle_EUscreen_4-3.mp4

301922_02_19930503_TV_History_sines_EUscreen_4-3.mp4

No Firefox or I.E. browser works, neither MP4 link in VLC player or MS Windows Media Player ??? Error text:

Fehler: Nicht unterst,tzter Videotyp oder ung,ltiger Dateipfad.
wb df5sx (Wolfgangt B,schel, *ibid.*)

Indeed no such file paths exist. The referenced pages call a stream from a server at noterik.com. They are script-based, which may explain why the whole thing does not run with certain settings. And of course it runs within a browser, not with external players (Kai Ludwig, *ibid.*)

** GERMANY. Technical details concerning BBG operations: see U S A [and non]

** GERMANY. Of particular interest in WRTH A-15 update: (gh)

DP07 SEEFUNK (Comm) (NEW ENTRY)

W: <http://www.dp07.com/unser-service/kurzwellen-funkbetrieb.html>

E: info@dp07.com

kHz: 7310, 9560

Summer Schedule 2015

German Days Area kHz

0730-0800 daily NEu 7310k11, 9560k11

1200-1230 mtwtfs. NEu 9560k11

1200-1230 daily NEu 7310k11

Key: Operated by ðDP07 Marine Radioí, broadcasting weather forecasts supplied by Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD). DWD were planning to start their own broadcasts, but these have been delayed by issues at the transmitter site (WRTH A-15 Update via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Radio Gloria International ñ Summerschedule 2015 every 4th Sunday of the month:

April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27, Oct. 25

RGI ñ Alternative Music Radio

SW (KW)	UT	German Time
9485	6-7	8-9
7265	7-8	9-10
9485	8-9	10-11
7310	9-10	11-12
6005	12-13	14-15

INTERNET

9-10 (11-12) ñShortwaveservice.comí 7310

12-13 (14-15) ñShortwaveservice.comí 6005

15-17 (17-19) ñColoradio.orgí and ñlaut.fm/jukeboxí

April 26 there is no transmission on 7265 and 9485

Some repeats by ñ laut.fm/jukeboxí in April

(via Manuel Mendez, Spain, 26 April, Noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

** GREECE. The MW transmitter on 1404 kHz most likely is located near Thessaloniki (maybe exñERA Sport on 981 khz or those on 1179 kHz) and not from Komotini according to the loop-antennai observations. Full ID on 1404 is same as on SW iHelliniki Radiophoniaí (man voice) & iErtopen Vefteron Programaí (lady voice). On 729 kHz the ID is iProton Programaí. Same can be heard on 963 kHz, iProton Programaí but it is from Cyprus (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, circa 25 April, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 9420, April 25 at 0230 check, no signal from ERTOpen. This is now the rule rather than exception (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, April 26 at 0111, ERA is on! Increasingly rarely; Greek talk and music, VG signal here and audible on much weaker // 15630 which may also be undermodulated. Still no show on 9935: I suppose Avlis' third transmitter is totally dead after acting up a lot when they tried to employ it. Recheck 0542 April 26, 9420 still on but weaker, well into the dayside (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420 - ERT Open, Avilis - Brief English newscast heard 4/25 at 2000 UT. YL with news about earthquake in Nepal Local story then into weather at 2002. Heard mention of Thessaloniki. ID'd as "Free Radio of ?" Quickly into Greek announcements at 2003. Signal at fairly good level but static was high. Program details only approx. 50% (Stephen Wood, Harwich, Mass., Perseus SDR, 25 x 50 N/E terminated superloop antenna, 2030 UT April 26, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So was Sunday April 26 the correct date, or did you wait 24+ hours to report this? (gh, dxldyg) Glenn, Reception was on the 25th as noted in my original post (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., ibid.)

15650, April 28 at 2236 tune-in, immediately ID for ``Radiophonikûs Stathmûs Makedonïas``, not Athinai. This service seems to be occupying more and more of the sporadic SW airtime. Fair-good here, and almost as good as // 9420. Still no third transmitter to be heard on 9935 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT Open on at 0130 on 9420 & 15630. 9420 is in at excellent levels while 15630 is only fair but still listenable (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., Perseus SDR, 25 x 25 S/W terminated Superloop antenna, UT April 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. GREEK PARLIAMENT VOTES TO RE-OPEN ERT PUBLIC BROADCASTER
<http://www.dw.de/greek-parliament-votes-to-re-open-ert-public-broadcaster/a-18416304>

The law states that ERT will cost 60 million euros (\$66 million) a year and be covered by fees set at 3 euros per month.

As part of the re-launch, some 1,550 former employees will have the opportunity to reintegrate into the company if they wish. Hundreds of workers retired after its closure, however, while others were hired by Nerit. According to media reports, 2,300 people would form the new ERT (via Wolfgang B,schel, April 29, dxldyg via DXLD)

ERT reopening passes muster with Greek lawkers [sic]

According to the respected Athens daily Ekathimerini --- which is in an English-language partnership with the International New York Times -- ERT "official" may be back on the air now that lawmakers agreed to hire back about 1,500 fired in 2013 and who helped gives us an incredible international rebel broadcaster since then, ERTOpen.

PUBLIC BROADCASTER REINSTATED BY NEW GOVERNMENT

http://www.ekathimerini.com/4dcgi/_w_articles_wsite1_1_29/04/2015_549558

Lawmakers from Greece's new left-wing government have voted to reinstate the country's public broadcaster, ERT, which was abruptly shut down two years ago as part of austerity measures.

Parliament voted early Wednesday to re-hire more than 1,500 ERT workers and incorporate a protest TV station operated online by fired employees.

In June 2013, ERT television and radio broadcasts were abruptly taken off the air by the previous conservative government. A new broadcaster was later opened, using fewer staff.

Greece had been under pressure from international lenders to swiftly reduce the size of its civil service in return for continued bailout loans. [AP] (via Marty Delfin, Madrid, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

And Athens English competitor Tovima has a different take on bringing back ERT (Marty Delfin, Spain, dxldyg via DXLD)

ERT BILL APPROVED IN PARLIAMENT AMID MAJOR TENSION

President of Parliament calls government to provide for ERT employees who passed away since the shutdown

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

<http://www.tovima.gr/en/article/?aid=699294>

The government's bill which aims to restore the operation of the previous public broadcasting service ERT was approved in Parliament amid tension, in a vote that concluded at about 1:30am.

State Minister Nikos Pappas appeared confident and noted that the government's concern is to restore the sense of justice on all levels. The President of Parliament Zoi Konstantopoulou asked Mr. Pappas to also introduce provisions to support the families of ERT employees who passed away since the abrupt shutdown in June 2013.

Mrs. Konstantopoulou also noted that the previous government's legislative act which caused ERT's shutdown was the beginning of its end, as the Greek people began to react. She also praised the ERT employees for the lessons of democracy and dignity which they delivered during their struggle.

SYRIZA MP Stathis Panagoulis caused some controversy in Parliament, when he argued that the government must restore all ET employees, especially those who fought for SYRIZA to rise to power. New Democracy's Adonis Georgiadis commented that in his naivety he revealed SYRIZA's innermost thoughts, while Theodoros Haris responded that SYRIZA was paying off debts (via Delfi, ibid.)

** GUAM [and non]. KTWR starts emergency broadcast, Nepal Earthquake
KTWR Guam has started one hour emergency shortwave broadcast wef 27th April 2015: 1345-1445 UT on 15280 kHz in English/Nepali
Related:
<http://ktwrdrn.blogspot.sg/2015/04/emergency-broadcast.html>
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi dx_sasia yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

15280, April 29 at 1345, no signal from KTWR Guam, until cuts on late at 1345:40 with IS, very poor signal and much weaker than adjacent 15275 CNR1 jammer (vs RFA Tibetan via Tajikistan daily 13-14 only, not a trace of that here). 1348:50 starts talking in presumed Nepali, as this is a new special service since April 27. ACI is off after 1400, still evidently Nepali mixed with music.

By 1415 it's in English with devotional, but still too weak to tell if any practical info is being transmitted to Nepali quake victims. A 15275 carrier came back on for less than a minute around 1413-1414 (maybe that's DW Sri Lanka preparing for the 1500 Swahili service).

Remember that Nepal has a self-imposed wacky timezone of UT +5:45, which is why this service is at 1345-1445 UT, to make it seem like even 1930-2030 local time. Per WRTS 2015, KTWR did not have any Nepali service before (as listed under SINGAPORE); but TWR-INDIA (listed under INDIA) did, a token once-weekly 0045-0115 UT Saturdays on 7280 Tashkent in B-14.

Own website has detailed program schedule, but not updated since October, and shows no frequencies, just meter bands!
<http://radio882.com/schedule/TWR-I-Broadcast-Schedule-Oct2014.pdf>
It had Nepali at 6:30-6:45 am IST Saturdays on 41m. That would be 0100-0115 UT.

This post explains how much trouble it was to implement the new

broadcast, and that it replaces the special service to Vanuatu.
<http://ktwrdrbm.blogspot.sg/2015/04/emergency-broadcast.html>

News of the new broadcast came from Alokesh Gupta's Radioactivity blog, his source unspecified:

``KTWR Guam has started one hour emergency shortwave broadcast wef 27th April 2015: 1345-1445 UTC on 15280 kHz in English/Nepali

The Trans World Radio (TWR) Nepal team visited the affected areas to better understand the situation, and will continue to visit other affected areas over the next several days. To address the long-term spiritual and emotional needs, TWR will produce a 15-minute program in Nepali to be broadcast once a day, seven days a week over 15 FM stations in the affected districts.

TWR will also produce a one-hour program with four 15-minute segments in Nepali, Hindi, Bhojpuri, and English. The programs will be broadcast once a day, seven days a week, over shortwave from Guam to reach those closer to Mount Everest, where they may not be able to receive FM broadcasts.

TWR would like to distribute at least 5,000 radios in the region to replace those that may have been damaged or lost in the quake.``

Aoki says the new KTWR 15280 service is M-F only, since April 28 and only in English (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KTWR Guam has started emergency shortwave transmissions to Nepal 1346-1349 15280 TWR 200 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Interval Signal of KTWR 1349-1445 15280 TWR 200 kW / 290 deg to SoAs Nepali/English, videos: <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/ktwr-guam-has-started-emergency.html> -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, April 29, dxldyg via DXLD)

Another perfect example of why shortwave prevails in a disaster or political uprising. You do not need the WiFi or internet to reach the people; and those two things would most certainly not be available during and after an event like this (Colin Newell, Canada, *ibid.*)

Hi Ivo, Thank you for posting your audio of today's special KTWR broadcast. Was interested in comparing your 1429 UT audio with mine, which is posted at:
<https://app.box.com/s/b5tz3i2uqgey97fyti8ync9n2es7befb>

Made for the same segment, with "Growth through hardship" with Dr. Brent Lindquist (Ron Howard, San Francisco, *ibid.*) See NEPAL [and non]

** GUATEMALA. 4055, Radio Verdad, 0945 male chorus with religious music, 5-5-5- strength as local station 17 April, 0935 ibanda metros Õonda corta. ID on 24 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. 3289.9, GBC Voice of Guyana, 0939 ithe next 25 dollarsÖö in a monthî. 0947 preacher iGive your life to Jesusi 14 April; 0940 Preacher ithe Lord Jesus Christi, etc., to 1000, recheck fading out at 1045 on 17 April, noted with poor signal at 2345 to 2350 on 23 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [and non]. AIR AND BBC SPECIAL PROGRAMMING FOR NEPAL
Radioandmusic.com 28 April 2015
<http://www.radioandmusic.com/biz/radio/programming/all-india-radio-and-bbc-world-services-design-special-programming-earthquake-affected-nepal-150428>

MUMBAI: In the wake of recent earthquake that affected Nepal and India, All India Radio (AIR) and British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) have designed special programming for affected areas of Indo-Nepal border and Nepal respectively. AIR is also transmitting services through their External Services Division (ESD).

AIR stations in Patna, Darbhanga, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Gangtok, Siliguri, Guwahati, Delhi and others put out suitable programmes to generate awareness among the masses, particularly informing them how to tackle such situations.

On Monday, it was reported that aftershocks measuring 5.1 magnitude were felt in the northern and eastern belt of India bordering Nepal, along with parts of West Bengal and Bihar. The stations that fall under the affected area were advised to carry programmes based on the situation in their respective area which included updates on the condition there. Some of the stations contacted State and local government authorities which deal with disaster management activities. The broadcast also included emphasis on educating people on the possible post - quake health issues in special health programmes.

In Delhi, FM Rainbow contacted New Delhi's National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) K J Anand Kumar and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) S S Guleria on 25 April. On 27 April, FM Rainbow contacted New Delhi NDMA former vice chairman M Sashidhar Reddy and on 28 April, it connected with NDMA's senior consultant R K Kaushal. On 2 May, FM Rainbow will run Saturday phone-in-programme on 'Bhukamp Aur Aapda Prabhandan' which will feature SAARC Disaster Management Centre director Santosh Kumar; IIPA Disaster Management consultant V K Sharma and NDRF director general O. P. Singh.

Through External Services Division (ESD) of AIR, news of devastating Earthquake along with an immediate measure, SOS announcements advising people not to panic and take precautionary safety measures against the possible aftershocks were made. The Nepali Service broadcast on short-wave remained the only available communication link to reach out to the distressed people in Kathmandu valley and the surrounding Nepal. The normal programming of the whole evening transmission was changed and programmes relating to the Earthquake were broadcast continuously. A special report about the flying in of medical help, relief material and NDMA experts by India for the help of the Nepalese people in their hour of crisis was broadcast. On 26 April, Prime Minister's 'Mann Ki Baat' included an appeal from the Narendra Modi.

Meanwhile, the BBC World Service is now broadcasting additional programming on shortwave in both the Nepalese and in English. The BBC's international development charity - BBC Media Action - is working with the Nepali Service on BBC World Service. World Service Languages controller Liliane Landor said, "Information is vital and we are doing all we can to make sure that our audiences in the affected areas receive their local and regional news as well as 'Lifeline' programming designed to give practical information to help deal with the aftermath of the earthquake." Posted by: (Mike Terry, April 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

**** INDIA. DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION BROADCASTS BY ALL INDIA RADIO IN THE WAKE OF THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN NEPAL AND INDIA**

A) Details of programming by the External Services Division (ESD) of All India Radio

As soon as the News of devastating Earthquake ravaging large part of Nepal started trickling in, as an immediate measure, SOS announcements advising people not to panic and take precautionary safety measures against the possible aftershocks were made.

Thereafter, the service got in touch with the MEA officials and by 7 pm, the helpline numbers of MEA, the Indian Mission in Kathmandu were repeatedly announced. People were advised to take all precautionary measures, as per the guidelines provided by the NDMA. Appeal of ADG, NDMA was also recorded over telephone and broadcast.

Since, all lines of communication had broken down; the Nepali Service being broadcast on Short-wave remained the only available communication link to reach out to the distressed people in Kathmandu valley and the hinterland Nepal.

Hence, the normal programming of the whole evening transmission was

changed and programmes relating to the Earthquake were broadcast continuously.

A special report about the flying in of medical help, relief material and NDMA experts by India for the help of the Nepalese people in their hour of crisis was broadcast to boost the morale of the people and to inform that India is by their side at this critical situation.

The next morning transmission also included interview of Shri Krishna Prasad Dhakal, Deputy Chief of Mission of Nepal in India, who elaborately spoke regarding the situation, the need of relief materials, medical aid etc.

The SOS announcements were continued to be made as many aftershocks were felt. Appeal announcements requested by the 2nd Secretary in the Nepalese Embassy regarding rehabilitation and requirements of different relief materials like Dry ration, Medicine, Tents and Baby Food, Drinking Water etc were also made in the morning and mid-day transmission of Sunday.

Interview and bytes of some of the persons evacuated from Nepal were also broadcast. In the evening transmission on Sunday, the appeal made by the Prime Ministerís in his special radio programme Mann Ki Baat broadcast at 11.00 am was included.

On Monday, telephonic interviews of Indian- Nepalese volunteers who are going to Nepal for helping in the rescue and relief work were broadcast in the transmissions. SOS announcements, helpline numbers, health precautions to be taken etc were broadcast in the morning and mid-day transmission.

A press conference called in the Nepali Embassy in New Delhi, where details of relief and rescue works were given and Indiaís yeoman help at the hour of crisis was lauded, has been covered and excerpts are being broadcast in the evening transmission.

The efforts of the Nepali Service to disseminate vital and crucial information to the distressed people of Nepal and also to the rescue workers would continue over the next few days till life comes back to normalcy.

The tone, tenor and the content of the service will be calibrated to suit the requirements as the events unfold.

The In-charge of the Nepali Service, and the Head of External Services Division have been personally monitoring the situation and are in constant touch with the MEA, Embassy of Nepal in Delhi, Indian

Mission in Kathmandu, NDMA and other agencies involved to cater to their communication needs and providing important and critical information to the suffering people.

B) Programming by AIR stations serving Indo-Nepal Border and areas affected by the Earthquake

In the wake of the earthquake that struck and caused heavy damages in some of the States bordering Nepal recently, All India Radio stations situated in the affected areas have been playing a vital role in disaster management communication to bring succour to the affected people. AIR Stations have acted as the fastest mode of communication to reach the affected people and provide them the vital information for their safety and well-being.

As soon as the news about the killer quake broke out on 25th April, 2015, AIR Stations serving the areas which suffered due to earthquake were advised to mount suitable programmes keeping in view the situation in their respective service areas. These Stations have also been advised that depending upon the extent of damage, they may contact various State and local government authorities which deal with disaster management activities such as rescue, relief and rehabilitation for their broadcasts in their respective regions.

As per standing instructions for AIR stations regarding disaster management in such situations, the concerned AIR stations in these areas have started giving wide publicity to helpline numbers of various relief agencies.

Special educative and informative programmes have been mounted disseminating information about the various relief and rescue measures taken by the administration in order to reach out to the affected people.

In this direction, AIR Patna, AIR Darbhanga, AIR Gorakhpur, AIR Lucknow, AIR Gangtok, AIR Siliguri, AIR Guwahati, AIR Delhi, etc put out suitable programmes to generate awareness among the masses, particularly informing them how to deal in such situations and also not to fall prey to rumour mongers. Accordingly, the quake related broadcasts have been suitably devised and these programmes are being continued with updated information as the situation continues to unfold and concerned agencies step up their efforts to keep people abreast of the latest situation. Emphasis is also being given to educate the people on the possible post-quake health issues in specially mounted health programmes.

C) Details of some of the programmes broadcast/planned for broadcast by various channels of AIR, Delhi

FM Rainbow

Date of broadcast: 25 April, 2015

Time of broadcast: 1700 to 1800 hours

Dial out: Professor K J Anand Kumar, NIDM, New Delhi and,
Shri S S Guleria, DIG, NDRF, New Delhi

FM GOLD

Date of broadcast: 25 April, 2015

Time of broadcast: 1745 to 1800 hours

Dial out: Professor K J Anand Kumar, NIDM, New Delhi

FM Rainbow

Date of broadcast: 27 April, 2015

Time of broadcast: 0800 to 0900 hours

Dial out: Shri M. Sashidhar Reddy, Former Vice Chairman, NDMA, New
Delhi

RAJDHANI CHANNEL

Interview: iUnderstanding Earthquakesi

Date of broadcast: 27 April, 2015

Time of broadcast: 2130 to 2200 hours

Expert: Shri O. P. Mishra, Seismologist, Ministry of Earth Sciences,
Government of India, New Delhi

FM GOLD

Date of broadcast: 28 April, 2015

Time of broadcast: 1300 to 1400 hours

Dial out: Shri Sailesh Naik, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences,
Government of India, New Delhi

FM Rainbow

Date of broadcast: 28 April, 2015

Time of broadcast: 0800 to 0900 hours

Dial out: Major General R. K. Kaushal, Senior Consultant, NDMA, New
Delhi

Indraprastha Channel & FM Rainbow

Saturday Phone-in-Program on iBhukamp Aur Aapda Prabhandani.

Date of broadcast: 02 May, 2015

Time of broadcast: 0910 to 1000 hours

Experts: Professor Santosh Kumar, Director, SAARC Disaster Management
Centre, New Delhi

Professor V K Sharma, Consultant, Disaster Mnagement, IIPA, New Delhi

Shri O. P. Singh, Director General, NDRF, New Delhi

PS: Programme presenters/comperes of FM Rainbow, FM Gold, Indraprastha
and Rajdhani channel of All India Radio, Delhi are educating the

masses/listeners regarding precautions they should take before and after earthquakes since the evening of 25/04/2015. Other important information including details of helpline numbers (latest 011-1078 ñ the national earthquake related NDMA helpline) is also being provided regularly.

Source :

<http://akashvanisamvaad.blogspot.in/2015/04/disastermanagement-communication.html>

Related :

All India Radio and BBC World Services design special programming for earthquake affected Nepal

<http://www.radioandmusic.com/biz/radio/programming/all-india-radio-and-bbc-world-services-design-special-programming-earthquake-affected-nepal-150428>

--- (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, April 28, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. All India Radio in DRM mode in two frequencies in parallel on April 22

1945-2045 7550 BGL 500 kW / 320 WeEu Hindi DRM test, instead of AM

1945-2045 9950 ALG 250 kW / 312 WeEu Hindi DRM

1945-2045 11670 BGL 500 kW / 325 WeEu Hindi

2045-2230 7550 BGL 500 kW / 320 WeEu English DRM test, instead of AM

2045-2230 9950 ALG 250 kW / 312 WeEu English DRM

2045-2230 11670 BGL 500 kW / 325 WeEu English

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/all-india-radio-in-drm-mode-in-two.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, April 23, dxldyg via DXLD)

7550-DRM, AIR, Khampur. Popped up with on-screen ID periodically (two streams), but never enough signal for a decode, despite a strong presence on the spectrum display, 2047, 25/4.

9950-DRM, AIR, Khampur. Hindi in GOS 1946. On-screen ID, but not mustering up enough signal to decode audio, 25/4 (Craig Seager, VK2HBT, Bathurst NSW (Icom IC-746, Perseus, Horizontal Loop, LQ1AQ Amplified Loop, G5RV Junior, May ADXN via DXLD)

** INDIA [non]. 9900, April 24 at 0113, poor-fair pronouncing TWR.IN address in English; it's via UZBEKISTAN, of course. HFCC lets it go as ``multilingual`` at 0030-0130, leaving it to specific Aoki to reveal at this minute it's in Bhojpuri, M-F at 0045-0115.

Where does Bhojpuri fit into the huge scheme of things? Wikipedia classifies it as the leading ``other`` language with 33 or 40 megaspeakers per the 2001 census (2011 census figures not yet released; what's taking so long??). This places it at about #13 by population. Yet another roster down to only 1 megaspeaker completely

omits Bhojpuri --- maybe it's a.k.a. some other name, but nothing similar by spelling. Main area spoken is north India and Nepal, also some overseas spots such as Suriname. All about Bhojpuri:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhojpuri_language

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [non]. Indien (aus Usbekistan): Die britische Missionsgesellschaft Christian Vision hat m^glicherweise ihre letzten Kurzwellensendungen eingestellt. Hierbei handelte es sich um ein f,r Indien bestimmtes, seit 2002 ,ber eine Sendeanlage bei Taschkent ausgestrahltes Programm in Hindi.

Der bulgarische Empfangsexperte Ivo Ivanov und andere konnten die Frequenzen 6260, 9670, 9975 und 13630 kHz seit dem letzten M%rzwochenende nicht mehr durch Empfangsbeobachtungen best%tigen. Erwartet wurde Hindi f,r Indien nach folgendem Sendeplan

0000-0400: 6260 (100 kW, 153)

0100-0400: 9975 (100 kW, 186)

0400-1100: 13630 (100 kW, 153)

1100-1400: 9760 (100 kW, 153)

1400-2000: 6260 (100 kW, 153)

Uhr Weltzeit (+2=MESZ)

In einer letzten Empfangsmeldung berichtete Ivo Ivanov am 28. M%rz vom Zusammenstoß mit den Sendungen von KVOH Voice of Hope (0100-0400 Uhr auf 9975 kHz), allerdings sind die Empfangsaussichten f,r diese Sendungen f,r H^rer und H^rerinnen ohne gehobene Ausr,stung oder bevorzugte Empfangslage immer noch schwierig. Im Internetauftritt thevoiceasia.com wird die Ausstrahlung auf Kurzwelle noch angegeben; das kann aber auf das Internet-typische Problem einer nicht-tagesaktuellen Pflege der Website zur,ckgehen. Umgekehrt ist eine <berpr,fung der Sendet%tigkeit via HFCC-Datenbank schwierig, weil the Voice die Sendezeit ,ber einen Sendezeitbetreuer kaufte, der international eine Vielzahl von Frequenzen anmeldet, aber nicht immer auch f,r einen Kunden belegt.

Kurz nach ihrer Gr,ndung begann diese Missionsgesellschaft 1994 zun%chst mit einem H^rfunkprogramm f,r Afrika, ausgestrahlt ,ber einen Kurzwellensender in Sambia. 1998 bzw. 2000 folgte die <bernahme von Sendeanlagen in Chile und Australien, die zuvor von den dortigen Rundfunkgesellschaften aufgegeben wurden. In Deutschland kam es zu einem Arrangement, bei dem Christian Vision zum Jahresbeginn 2008 die Kurzwellenanlage bei J,lich (Nordrhein-Westfalen) formal ,bernahm. Christian Vision setzte auf eine Digitalisierung des Kurzwellenh^rfunks. Nachdem sich diese Erwartungen nicht bewahrheiteten, stieg Christian Vision aus diesem Verbreitungsweg aus und konzentrierte sich immer mehr auf Internet und Satellit.

Die Sendeanlagen bei Jülich und bei Darwin (Australien) wurden 2010 stillgelegt, die Sendeanlagen in Chile und Sambia folgten 2012. Mit Ausnahme des Senders in Sambia, der inzwischen an Voice of Hope verkauft ist, sind diese Anlagen inzwischen abgerissen. (Ivo Ivanov 21.4., Kai Ludwig 16.4.2015 RBB, Dr. Hansjörg Biener 26.-28.4.2015) (ntt aktuell Mai 2015 bei Prof. Dr. Hansjörg Biener, Neulichtenhofstr. 7, DE 90461 Nürnberg, Hansjoerg_Biener @ yahoo.de via DXLD)

CVC has apparently closed down its final SW service, to India via Uzbekistan (gh)

** INDONESIA. 4869.9 tentative, RRI Wamena, Propinsi Papua 1100 to 1120 some audio looking for parallel, found 4749.94 carrier only, 22 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4869.93, RRI Wamena, 1050-1110, usually this is nothing more than a carrier, but much better this morning with Indo music and commentary both audible at times despite some QRN, had a very weak signal on 9680, until 1100 s/on of R. Taiwan Int'l, which may have been // 4870 but cannot say with certainty April 23 (XM, Cedar Key, Florida, NRD525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DXSF, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. Mauno Ritola reports on the WRTH Facebook group:

Voice of Indonesia has been off the air for quite a few weeks, but according to the station the SW transmitter is being repaired and is expected to return on the air soon. Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So keep an ear on 9525.9, or wonder of wonders, once repaired could it really be on 9525.0?? And modulating normally?! (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** INTERNATIONAL. This is not a log, but worthy of consideration:

Remember IRDR? INTERNATIONAL RADIO FOR DISASTER RELIEF ñ this was tested last June as explained here:
<http://www.hfcc.org/humanitarian/irdrttrial.phtml>

But we haven't heard a peep about it in subsequent real disasters, such as Vanuatu, now NEPAL [and Baltimore?]. Here's something about it from:

HFCC/ASBU/ABU-HFC PLENARY MEETING MINUTES ñ MUSCAT, OMAN 1st -5th February 2015

2.5. The outreach of the IRDR project was global, and our coordinating

community consisted of representatives of countries with different social, political and economic systems. Therefore the scope of the project encompassed emergencies caused by hazards of natural origin, related environmental and technological hazards, and risks, in keeping with the definition in the Hyogo Framework for Action established ten years ago;

2.6. The IRDR project belonged among the activities of organisations dedicated to informing and communicating with disaster affected communities. This included the Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent organisations, and several UN lead institutions. The HFCC has fully supported the idea that this effort should become a vital and standard component of disaster risk reduction and we have now suggested to our partners that this subject should be included on the agenda of the upcoming World Conference in Sendai in March 2015. We are confident that the IRDR project could be important in the post-2015 global agenda;

A-15 HFCC registrations for IRDR, all 100 kW ND from SMG VATICAN, in case something should appear now:

24 hours on 21840, 17500, 15650, 13620

04-09 9430

07-11 12000

07-12 7400

I suspect these are placeholders, as the original idea was for several other major SW sites to be involved, but none of them have gone so far as to register anything.

BTW, Nepal's own SW service has been off the air for a few years, last heard on 5005 kHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Recent publicity about anniversary of Hubble Space Telescope seen on several TV reports includes a shot of nebulae, etc., and zooming past closer stars & objects, galactic stuff in motion, presumably concocted by NASA. This is IMPOSSIBLE, as Hubble is NOT out there, but viewing everything from earth orbit. The real still images are remarkable enough without this phony treatment!! It's also a sad symptom of the increasingly vanishing perceptual difference between reality and animation. NASA has long had this problem, covering various space missions, mixing animation with real video, of such quality that you can't really tell which is which without applying a degree of rational skepticism (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. OTHR S9 in center of France occupied one quarter of 10m band, never seen so bad spectrum! Maybe Iranian? Two rates of modulation. 08h15 30/04/2015. Best 73, (Francis/F5MIU, INTRUDERALERT mailing list

via Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

OTH radar Iran, daily on 28600. 73 (Wolf DK2OM, April 30, ibid.)

** IRAN [and non]. 13650, April 26 at 0326, IRIB music good with flutter, as the ``Voice of Justice`` English hour to North America is underway; 0331 YL news, 0333 about an Iranian trade mission to Oman. No QRM here but the other frequency, 11780, is a total loss, nothing but a low audible het on the low side to huge 11780.1v RNB/RNA BRAZIL at 0334 check. Wolfgang B,schel measured that on 11780.107 on April 20. VIRI is not known ever to make any mid-season adjustments, which would amount to admitting their original incompetence in frequency management: instead, waste 500 kWh every night for the duration. They've stupidly collided with Brasil for two or three seasons now (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [and non]. IRIB Dari Program jammed. 0820-1150 UT IRIB Kamalabad in Dari language. Listen to recording. Jamming origin from Obama's Special Forces in Bahrain? Like in Bush's Iraq war? (Wolfgang B,schel, April 29, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WTFK?????

IRIB Dari Program on 15630 kHz jammed as reported Wolfgang Bueschel on April 29. Summer A-15 of VIRI IRIB Dari plus videos on frequency 12065:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/irib-dari-program-on-1563012065-khz.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. CLANDESTINE, Radio Ranginkaman/Rainbow only on 7575 kHz April 27

1600-1630 on 7575 secret / hidden site to WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri

1600-1630 on 15630 SCB 050 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri is off

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/radio-ranginkamanrainbow-only-on-7575.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** JAPAN [non]. 11680, April 26 at 0322, VG signal with funny song in Japanese. Yes, it's NHK, here via Nauen, GERMANY, 03-05, 250 kW, 140 degrees to CIRAF 38-40, but plenty here off the back, and no doubt // 5910 France if I had checked. Would that we could hear any English broadcast from Tokyo this well (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15815 at 1815-1835 a spur of the strong NHK of 15445 in Japanese with song program and short descriptions in between. Marginal at best. Logs of 24/4 using the HF150 + 8 m antenna (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not Yamata, whence I think spurs have never been reported. HFCC shows 15445 Nauen, GERMANY, 17-19, 250 kW, 140 degrees toward ZL. Computed

as leapfrog over 15630, VOA Ethiopian service but in HFCC as Issoudun. Probably switched to same site today, whichever (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 13760, D.P.R.KOREA & CHINA. Madness here! Both V of Korea and CRI have moved here for their English services to Europe at 1800-1900. Both noted at 1840 with strong signals. Korea is a NF ex-12015. China is strongest on the Twente receiver, Korea is stronger here at Mount Evelyn. 3/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FT DX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May ADXN via DXLD)

Here [mi]xed CRI 1810, English at good level, NF, 5/4 (Craig Seager, VK2HBT, Bathurst NSW (Icom IC-746, Perseus, Horizontal Loop, LQ1AQ Amplified Loop, G5RV Junior, May ADXN via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. TAJIKISTAN, Frequency change of clandestine Radio Free North Korea:
1230-1330 NF 15590 DB 100 kW / 071 deg to NEAs Korean, ex 9330, videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/frequency-change-of-radio-free-north.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. UZBEKISTAN, Frequency change of clandestine Voice of Martyrs:
1600-1730 NF 7510 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg to NEAs Korean, ex 7530, videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/frequency-change-of-clandestine-voice.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, April 24, dxldyg via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. 15575, Saturday April 25 at 1344, KBS World Radio again with good signal to North America now that we're past equinox and on the way to summer solstice, during mailbag segment of 'Listeners Lounge'; admitting they having been getting reports of bad reception on 15575, but now it's improving, as evidenced by a recording that Benjamin in Cookeville TN sent them; YL & YL discuss whether it merits an 0 of 3, or 4.

This does NOT mean KBS will ever catch on and go to a lower band in the B-seasons! At 1355, Indian DX Report from postal code 785001, not really DX, but partial schedules to S Asia for AIR, AWR, NHK. Thanks to good elocution I can mostly understand his Indian accent. Maybe Kevin in NM will be on next week.

15575, April 29 around 1325, KBS World Radio 'Seoul Calling', W&M with

informal discussion of various features, including a butterfly festival at a city on the coast; later Korean language lesson; then 'Sounds of Korea', Wednesday favorite of traditional music, 1353 for a dance by two women in bright red flowing costumes, wielding giant swords. Reception remains good but with flutter. 1359 rapid sign-off tries to channel us toward website, not about SW; 1400 theme and into another hour, in Korean (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 11510, Dengue Kurdistan via Issoudun. The only program heard in this morning is listening that was beating the noise level. Speakers in listed Kurdish easily followed, 1742, 5/4 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (JRC NRD-535D and 7m vertical), May ADXN via DXLD)

Good in Kurdish on 3/5 at 0629 (John Adams, Port Douglas Far North QLD (Sony ICFSW7600GR, 7 Metre Reel Antenna, May ADXN via DXLD)

20/4 at 1431 with IDs in two Kurdish dialects (Sorani & Kurmanji?):
îEira Dengia Kurdistaniaî & îDendzhi Kurdistanî (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001D, Folded Marconi ant 16 meters own made), May ADXN via DXLD)

April 24:

SPL relay Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1300 on 11510 Secretbrod + 11490, 11530, 23020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otYZQ0R0-Tc&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) SPL = Spaceline

11510, April 26 at 0323, very good with Kurdish instrumental music. Nice to hear Denge Kurdistan this well, as no longer possible in the 13+ UT period: that's because from that hour, the site is inferior Bulgaria. Aoki shows the site setup currently for Radyoya Denge Kurdistan; is this all still correct? ---

03-07 MDA = PRIDNESTROVYE

07-11 ARM = Armenia

11-13 MDA (but with an antenna azimuth change at 12, why?)

13-17 BUL

17-19 FRANCE

Yet, the latest HFCC shows nothing but Moldova for the entire span! As alleged by BRB (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SECRETLAND, Extended transmission of Denge Kurdistan via Secretbrod: 1300-1700 on 11510 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish, ex 1300-1600 plus spurious signals on 11490 and 11530 plus 2x on 23020 respectively 1700-1900 on 11510 ISS 250 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish, ex 1600-1900 <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/extended-transmission-of-denge.html> (DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015)

via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. Technical details concerning BBG operations: see U S A [and non]

** KYRGYZSTAN. REPUBLIC, 4009.973, Kyrgyz Radio from Bishkek SW Relay Service at Krasnaya Rechka, Kyrgyzstan, reported at 1730 UT on April 27, onwards with political and economical news in proper modulation sounded Russian language. S=9+30dB well propagation during nighthours in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

\\ 4819.779 kHz channel from Krasnaya Rechka too, but with lower power - or different antenna construction and performance (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. Ecuador: 6050, HCJB? VERY (tentative), 2250-0000 22-Apr. I Heard a faint signal, music and OM talx with deep voice. It sounded like English but I couldn't be certain. I kept listening and I kept hearing music and occasionally the OM talx. Just before 0000 the OM talked more than he had before this; was followed by music that sounded like an anthem. At exactly 0000 UT the station was gone. A search of the EiBi A15 update says ELWA Radio is here but Aoki only lists Ecuador. I know I didn't hear Spanish; it sounded more like English. There was no QRM the signal was just very faint (Gary Vance, Grand Ledge MI, MARE Tipsheet April 24 via DXLD)

** LITHUANIA. 9400, April 29 at 0112, ME music and talk, poor signal with ACI from TruNews/WRMI 9395. This is one of the few SW broadcasts left via Sitkunai, RFA Uyghur during this hour only, which is no doubt jammed but none heard here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LUXEMBOURG. DAB RTL --- Per ora È solo "in portante muta", ma vi segnalo che sul multiplex Eurodab Italia È comparsa una nuova emittente dal nome "RTL NEWS". Potrebbe essere interessante. Ciao a tutti, (Stefano VALIANTI, Italy, April 26, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** MALI. 9635, Radio Mali, Bamako, 1730-1737, 21-04, French, comments. 14321. Also 1735-1758*, 23-04, French and vernacular comments, vernacular songs. 13221 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880 and Sony ICF SW 7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters and Degen 31MS active loop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) How was the modulation level? (gh)

** MEXICO. 660, April 28 as I tune in at 0650, convenient ID, ``tocando Éxitos, La Kaliente, 102.9``, i.e. XEEY, 50/10 kW in Aguascalientes2, dominating channel (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 900, April 28 at 0640 UT, white noise loops NE/SW, presumably the usual open FM studio-transmitter link of XEDT, Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua, transmitted on AM after ``sign-off``. In its null, NW/SE I hear some music, probably Cuba, at the moment much stronger than probable // on 890 in WLS null (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1030, April 27 at 0530, Spanish announcement mentions Chihuahua; CCI from something else with Spanish music (there are 11 other XEs listed on 1030), and another station in English. Probably XEYC, R. Fórmula, Ciudad Juárez (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1060, XEEP: see FRANCE [non]

** MEXICO. 1100, April 28 at 0629, Mexican music with tuba, loops SSW and over WTAM, presumably usual XETGO, Tlaltenango, Zacatecas (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1570, XERF, Ciudad Acuña, 0750-0810, documentary about the family, funded by several USA foundations, ID at 0807 by W, good and in the clear April 16 (XM, Cedar Key, Florida, NRD525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DXSF, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. March 25 tropo photos: KCWX-DT-5, KZTV-DT-10 with KRIS weather (400 miles), and XHMTA-DT-12 with Hechos (505 miles). I don't know why the PSIP data time and the Azteca-13 time are different.

Click image for larger version. Name: kcwxdt5mgm03252015.JPG

Views: 16 Size: 48.6 KB ID: 16750

Click image for larger version. Name: kztvdt10kriswx03252015.JPG

Views: 14 Size: 52.0 KB ID: 16751

Click image for larger version. Name: xhmtadt12hechos03252015a.JPG

Views: 15 Size: 47.5 KB ID: 16752

(Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, April 29, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Danny: I would say poor DST correction but it's on the border so it follows US DST. That said, if the time signal is being nationally generated it may be off slightly. Mexico DST starts in April. I speak Spanish so you don't have to (Raymie Humbert, AZ, *ibid.*)

Nice catch, Danny. I've never seen a station ID incorporated into the MGM screen like that (Mike, South Louisiana, TVDXing 7/27/09-2015, *ibid.*)

^ Incorporate, or invade? KCWX plasters its logo over the "this" (ThisTV) logo bug 100% of the time, despite "This" ads. No biggie

though. Good work, Danny. I think that KCWX will strictly be Es for me! cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, *ibid.*)

Actually the Azteca 13 and Azteca 7 repeaters for Ciudad del Carmen have wrong PSIP data time and date. I thought it was a provisional error while they were installing their DTV repeaters completely, but it seems is a general error. And it's a pain in the a**, so I can't program manually recordings of those channels (Gargadon, Ciudad del Carmen, Mexico, *ibid.*)

I read something about KCWX-DT 5 (virtual channel 2)'s affiliation swap with KMYS-DT-32 (PSIP channel 35) in 2010 -- KCWX 2, CW, and KMYS 35, MyNetworkTV, became KCWX 2, MyNetworkTV, and KMYS 35, CW. I read something about that, about if they were to swap callsigns too, to reflect the network swap. I suppose something like this:
KMYS-DT-5 / KMYS 2, MyNetworkTV -- and KCWX-DT-32 / KCWX 35, CW.
That makes more sense to me (Kegan, Northwest Arkansas, *ibid.*)

Thanks, everyone. Raymie, the DST situation in Mexico explains why Hechos is one hour behind CDT. The PSIP hour is correct, but the minutes are off.

Mike, Christopher is correct: KCWX had its TOH ID up at the beginning of a movie. I thought it looked interesting.

Gargadon, maybe the technicians will straighten things out after the big rush to get the DTVs on the air. However, I see stations here with incorrect data (Danny, Shreveport, LA, *ibid.*)

** MEXICO. Huh, looks like Televisa slid down another one of its TV stations to avoid the 600 MHz band. XHZAT-TDT in Zacatecas, Zac. had been authorized for channel 41 at 15 kW but is now channel 19 at 130 kW.

Oddly enough Televisa has two other stations in Zacatecas, and each of those power levels is represented. One, XHBD-TDT 16, has a 130 kW ERP. The other, XHBQ-TDT 43, has a 15 kW ERP. Normally Televisa uses the same ERP for all of its digital facilities in an area.

In the same update Sombrerete got channel 41, XHSMZ-TDT at 32 kW. In fact 41 was authorized as an allocation to that locality (Raymie Humbert, AZ, April 30, WTFDA Forum via DXLD) But not in his main blog:

** MEXICO. RAYMIE's MEXICO BEAT:

It's been way too quiet of late. If the IFT were wise they'd give me a new Infraestructura list to sink my teeth into, but they haven't since February 16, so...

...But I can note that there's been some strong tropo for our Monterrey DXer friends. Apparently the tropo is so strong it's obliterated XET-TDT 31 and XHMNL-28 (Mc.Art caught XHTAM-TDT 28 over his local!!) (Raymie Humbert, AZ, Raymie's Mexico Beat, April 26, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Ciudad Ju·rez failed to switch earlier this year because not enough TVs were distributed.

That's enough of a problem that they are about to run a second round of TV distributions there in order to get the penetration levels across the 90% threshold. They'll also take another TDT penetration survey at the end of May.

If they have everything lined up, given the elections are on June 7, they could call an apagŰn on June 8 (that is a Monday; elections in Mexico, like in most of the world, happen on Sundays) and have Ju·rez off in four weeks, around July 6. Of course I don't expect such immediacy but don't be surprised to see the end of analog in Cd. Ju·rez in July.

Cd. Ju·rez's analog transition would only affect two stations on low VHF, XEPM-2 and XEJ-5. Ju·rez also has 11, 20, 32, 44 and 56.

There are also US analogs serving the area on 26 and 48. K26KJ is Multimedios and is connected to XHIJ (see also: XHILA and its US translators, same ownership setup) and has a permit to flash-cut to digital with a likely virtual channel of 40 (the station formerly operated on 40 and it cannot use 26 for its PSIP because of KINT, RF 25). Channel 48 is an analog translator of KTDQ. 26 and 48 do not immediately need to go off the air, obviously, but given the market, I expect them to convert to digital or shut off in line with Ju·rez's stations. We already know that the Cabada/Intermedia group just installed its new Calexico and Yuma digital facilities. There is no need for K48IK if there is enough digital penetration on the Mexico side of the market; it has likely been maintained by ZGS in order to continue service to Mexico, much like the channel 7 Calexico translator was used by XHILA after flash-cutting (Raymie, April 28, *ibid.*)

I'm trying to get information on the 7 new social-use FMs approved by the IFT this week. Can't get calls, frequency or ERP but here are the details of location and concessionaires:

FundaciŰn San QuintŰn, A.C. - San QuintŰn, BC
Desarrollo Comunal Sustentable, A.C. - Tayoltita, San Dimas, Dgo.
ComunicaciŰn y Cultura Ahualulco de Mercado, A.C. - Ahualulco de

Mercado, Jal.

Colectivo Expresión Alternativa, A.C. - Los Reyes de Salgado,
Mich.

Kurh·ndi, A.C. - Parangaricutiro, Mich.

Echais 88, A.C. - PurÉpero, Mich.

Universidad Huasteca Veracruzana, S.C. - Chicontepec, Ver.

A.C. is "civil association" and is a form of nonprofit organization.
S.C. is "civil society" and is similar, I guess. Expect low, low ERPs
and snoozeworthy cultural content. Chicontepec is in the northern part
of Veracruz but is more in the mountains than on the coast (Raymie,
April 28, *ibid.*)

Why are things so slow right now? This story from Colima might explain
it.

The INE (and, before it, the IFE) requires that all television
stations carry the local/state election pauta, or package of election
commercials. It requires local insertion equipment and is strictly
regulated.

When Televisa and Azteca have set up new digital transmitters in
various cities across Mexico, they will often start by pulling a
national network feed off the bird. This is normally a great idea, as
most cities do not need local commercials inserted into the feed.
Those that do have a lot of local ad business largely were the ones
where TDT came early. Come election time, however, this is required of
all stations.

In Colima, Azteca had not yet put into place local insertion equipment
for its digital stations. That meant viewers of the (virtual channel-
less) 40 and 43, of which there apparently were enough, were not
seeing their appropriate pautas. That's a problem. So Azteca went to
the extent of pulling its Colima stations OFF THE AIR so that the only
option was analog channels 4 and 9 and everyone would see all the
election advertising.

In Tecom·n, Azteca put the appropriate equipment into place and got
their stations back on. But the same hasn't happened yet in Colima. So
no Azteca digital stations for viewers there. There is hope around the
corner for the worried: Election Day is June 7 (Raymie, April 29,
ibid.)

Well, in Campeche (exactly in Ciudad del Carmen), we have the national
network feed on the digital channels without local electoral ads.
Actually, the TV Azteca programs made in Campeche can be watched only
in the analog broadcasting. Fortunately, since TV Azteca channels are
difficult to catch into the city, and we have just one Televisa

channel, most people got cable or satellite TV. So, nobody cares about on-the-air DTV (Gargadon, Ciudad del Carmen, April 29, *ibid.*)

There must have been enough people that complained in Colima, but with Cd. del Carmen it's a different story. It's also probably one of the largest cities in the country without a Canal 5 transmitter. (Some cities lack Azteca 7: Cd. Valles SLP springs to mind.)

Tambi n cabe destacar que algo s  pas  con Campeche...por fin quitaron los permisos nunca construidos de TRC.

Uh-oh, we have a new Infraestructura update dated April 28! 61 new television authorizations in digital. Highlights:

- The Chiapas and Sonora state networks are on the digital map!
- Guanajuato has six new stations, some from its state network. One of the new digital stations, XHAT0-TDT 45, will have an ERP of 641 watts. Gold medal to XHGSM-4 San Miguel Allende which has a TDT authorization!

- The XHHDL error is fixed!

- XHCCU has a digital authorization now!

- Ruh roh Sonora...!?!?! Listed: XHHMA-TDT 31, XHAK-TDT 33, XHHES-TDT 23C, XHHMS-TDT 29C. None of these are correct, and this is our first look at XHHMA in digital.

- Tlaxcala on the board with three of its five state network transmitters picking up digital authorizations.

There is also a channel change...XHLGG-TDT 27, not 31.

Last edited by Raymie; 04-29-2015 at 10:45 PM (Raymie, *ibid.*)

** MONACO. My first look thru the WRTH A-15 update file provokes these comments/corrections:

``RADIO MONACO (Comm)

kHz: 4363, 8728, 13146

Summer Schedule 2015

French Days Area kHz

1100-1103 mtwtf.. Atl,Med 4363mco*, 8728mco*, 13146mco* 

Key: * USB;   inactive at time of publication.``

We recently had a log from ZL of another of these on 8728 at a different time, until 0700 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz:

23/4: 8728, Monaco, 0657 with IS in English using the anthem of TWR (possibly hymn of Monaco?), 0659 with ID in French and stopping transmissions, S1 13341 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEPAL. Radio Nepal heard last night with centralised special live transmission which continued beyond 1 am (1930 UT) to help millions of distressed and homeless peoples. 684 Pokhara was best. 792 Kathmandu, 576 Surkhet, 1143 Bardibas were also received fair/poor. 648 Dhankuta & 810 Dipayal could not be heard here at Agartala. Tecsun PL660 with Telescopic ant. used. Pradeep Kundu, Tripura on FB (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, April 26, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

Due to disruption of internet service in Singha Durbar area, online streaming service of Radio Nepal was not available, you can now listen to Radio Nepal live using this link:

<http://radionepal.gov.np/radionepal/index.php>

--- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, ibid.)

After the devastating earthquake in Nepal, the Nepali Public Radio, Radio Nepal regional service is active with audio on its website in the cities of Dhankuta, 648 kHz; Pokhara, 684 kHz and Dipayal, 810 kHz.

<http://radionepal.gov.np/radionepal/index.php?id=dhankuta-region>

<http://radionepal.gov.np/radionepal/index.php?id=dpokhara-region>

<http://radionepal.gov.np/radionepal/index.php?id=dipayal-region>

But there is no audio in Katmandu, 792 kHz and Surkhet, 576 kHz.

<http://radionepal.gov.np/>

<http://radionepal.gov.np/radionepal/index.php?id=surkhet-region>

(Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, April 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Situaci3n de algunas emisoras de radio de Kathmandu tras el terremoto.

Saludos cordiales, tras el terrible terremoto que ha asolado la ciudad de Kathmandu en el Nepal, la situaci3n de algunas emisoras de FM en la ciudad es la siguiente:

26 Abril 2015 Situaci3n de emisoras de radio que operan en Internet en Kathmandu, Nepal

Capital FM 92,4 FM

Kathmandu, Nepa0 [sic]

<http://www.cfmonair.com/>

Informaci3n de noticias sin actualizar, no hay audio en vivo.

Citizen FM 94.0 FM

<http://www.citizenfm.com/>

Informaci3n de noticias sin actualizar, no hay audio en vivo.

Bhaktapur FM 105.4 FM

<http://www.bhaktapurfm.com.np/>

Informaci n de noticias sin actualizar, no hay audio en vivo.

Good News FM 105.1 FM is the first Christian Radio and probably the first Christian Community broadcasting station in South Asia.

<http://www.goodnewsfm.com.np/>

Audio con emisi n musical

(Jos  Miguel Romero, April 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Nepal MW stations at 1945 UT 26 Apr 2015: All the 6 stations were noted on air with special programme on earthquake.

576, 100 KW Surkhet
648, 100 KW Dharan, Sunsari
684, 100 KW Malepatan, Pokhara
792, 100 KW Bhainsepati, Kathmandu
810, 10 KW Doti, Dipayal
1143, 10 KW Mahottari, Bardibas

Nepal Earthquake Emergency Traffic frequencies [amateur]:

7100
14205
14210
14215
14310

Internet is again down at Kathmandu area. Regards (Alokesh Gupta, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

Earthquake hits Nepal ---- On Saturday, April 25 a 7.8 magnitude quake struck an area of central Nepal between the capital, Kathmandu, and the city of Pokhara.

Watch NEPAL Emergency - Amateur Radio Stations helping at earthquake zone

Video: NEPAL Emergency 25 April 2015 - Amateur Radio Stations helping at earthquake zone

<https://youtu.be/w4FVG8Hghac>

In April 2012 Nepal's first amateur radio repeater was established by the National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET). The 9N1KS repeater is located atop the NSET building on the southern outskirts of Kathmandu. Output is 145.000 MHz and input is 434.500 MHz with no tone.

A drill conducted in 2012 at several hospitals around the city suggested that coverage of the Kathmandu Valley was very good. It is reported there was regular evening activity by NSET staff, who had

been using eight Yaesu FT-60s donated by CAN-USA.

Nepalís first repeater ñ 9N1KS 145.000/434.500 May 8, 2012

<https://9n7ak.wordpress.com/2012/05/08/nepals-first-repeater-9n1ks-145-000434-500/>

Thanks to the energy and hard work of the staff of the National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET) and the technical and financial assistance of the Computer Association of Nepal ñ USA chapter, Nepalís first repeater was inaugurated last month and is working great!

The 9N1KS repeater is located atop the NSET building on the southern outskirts of Kathmandu [map]. Output is 145.000 and input is 434.500 with no tone. A drill conducted at several hospitals around the city suggests that coverage of the Kathmandu Valley is very good. There is regular evening activity by NSET staff, who are using eight Yaseu FT-60s donated by CAN-USA. With more 9N licensees and equipment soon to come, 9N1KS should soon be a busy repeater indeed.

The repeater itself is a Kenwood TM-V71A, fed to a Diamond X-30A antenna at about five meters above the building. Backup power is provided by a 12Ah gel cell.

More news to follow in the coming days and weeks ó NSET and the Nepal Amateur Radio League (NARL) have several projects in the pipeline. In the meantime, listen to Nisha 9N1NSís voice announcement [.mp3] and check out the photos below! Thanks to Rob 9N7ZL / NZ6J and the new licensees at NSET including Khadga 9N1KS, Nisha 9N1NS, Jimée 9N1GJ, Surya 9N1SS, and others for their work on this initiative.

(NSET building, with repeater antenna faintly visible atop building, to the left)

(Repeater room)

(Rob 9N7ZL / NZ6J of CAN-USA with antenna)

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via DXLD)

Nepal earthquake report | Southgate Amateur Radio News

Ver en <http://www.southgatearc.org>

The rescue and recovery work is continuing after the devastating 7.8 on the Richter scale earthquake that claimed at least 3,200 lives, with many missing, and widespread damage in Nepal.

The Nepal Amateur Radio Society is providing emergency communications. Satish Krishna Kharel 9N1AA reports that with help from VU2 in India and others work is continuing. This includes the use of four wheel drive vehicles.

Satish 9N1AA said information has already been provided on the status of about 80 loved ones of foreign radio amateurs and others.

He was using solar power in coordination with the Nepal police in Kathmandu. Also sharing the emcomm work with Suresh Upreti 9N1HA. The earthquake on April 25 caused landslides on Mount Everest during the climbing season, where some lives of mountaineers and others were lost.

The capital of Kathmandu was among the areas hit. An emergency net on 20 metres on 14.205 and/or 14.215 MHz, has Jayu Bhide VU2JAU/AT150ITU, the Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI) National Coordinator for Disaster Communication, as net controller.

Other VUs are involved. Activity has also been reported on 7.100, 18.160 and 21.360 MHz.

Nepal's first Amateur Radio repeater, set up in 2012 by the National Society for Earthquake Technology, had a dozen hams who previously engaged in simulated emergency tests.

The 9N1KS repeater 434.500 MHz in and 145.000 MHz out, is on the outskirts of Kathmandu with coverage into the Kathmandu Valley. There is no cross-border movement so far of radio equipment and radio amateurs.

Jim Linton VK3PC

Chairman IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee.

(via JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

Now hearing fascinating comms about the Earthquake in Nepal:

14205 Primary: talking about aircraft arriving at Katmandu Airport, unloading supplies, etc. Says American, German, Norwegian, Swedish and Israeli flights are arriving with supplies. Very interesting comms about the tragedy there. Says a huge generator arrived there this morning. Also discussing helos working rescue missions. 14215 Logistics (Al Stern SATELLITE BEACH FL. 0820 UT April 27, ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

** NEPAL [non]. NEPAL: Recopilaci n de emisiones en nepal  del Aoki

Adventist World Radio

1500-1530 CLN Trincomalee Diaria 15525

ALL India Radio

0130-0230 IND Delhi Diaria 7520, 9800, 11715(DRM)

0700-0800 IND Delhi Diaria 7520, 9595, 11850

1330-1430 IND Delhi Diaria 4870, 7420
IND Panaii Diaria 11775

Athmeeya Yatra R.(GFA)
1300-1315 D Nauen Diaria 15350

Bangladesh Betar
1315-1345 BGD Dhaka Diaria 9455

China Radio International
0130-0227 CHN Kunming-Anning Diaria 11860, 13780
0230-0327 CHN Kunming-Anning Diaria 11730, 13780
1400-1500 CHN Kunming-Anning Diaria 1188
1400-1457 CHN Xian Diaria 7220
CHN Kunming-Anning Diaria 7435
1500-1557 CHN Kunming-Anning Diaria 7215
1500-1557 CHN Xian Diaria 7250
1500-1600 CHN Kunming-Anning Diaria 1188

Reach Beyond Australia (HCJB)
1300-1315 AUS Kununurra 12.45..15340
1300-1330 AUS Kununurra ..3... 15340

TWR India
0045-0115 UZB Tashkent S.bados 9900
(via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot(Valencia), Espa0a, April 27, dxldyg
via DXLD) SEE ALSO: AUSTRALIA; GUAM; INDIA; UK

How come we haven't heard a peep about International Radio for
Disaster Relief going into service for this nor any other real
disaster lately, such as Vanuatu? You may recall that this was tested
last June with transmissions from several sites for SE Asia, mostly on
the same frequencies (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING
DIGEST) See INTERNATIONAL

** NEPAL. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WILL HELP IN RELIEF EFFORT
ITU Sends Aid To Nepal | Broadcasting & Cable
<http://www.broadcastingcable.com/news/washington/itu-sends-aid-nepal/140291>

The International Telecommunication Union said Monday it has sent
emergency communications equipment to Nepal to help in the aftermath
of the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake.

ITU said that it had sent "35 satellite mobile phones and 10 satellite
Broadband Global Area Network terminals along with solar panels and
laptops" to help with the efforts to coordinate relief to Nepal, where
the death toll is nearing 4,000, according to the New York Times, and
aftershocks continue to hamper those efforts.

Emergency telecommunications play a critical role in the immediate aftermath of disasters," said Brahima Sanou, director of ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau, in a statement. "They ensure timely flow of information that is much needed by government agencies and other humanitarian actors involved in rescue operations."

ITU pointed out that much of the affected area is in rural and mountainous portions of the country with widely dispersed populations. Not surprisingly, some survivors trapped above the avalanches on Everest have been tweeting and posting on Facebook about their condition and situation, according to reports.

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, April 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

**** NEPAL. GOVERNMENT PLANS HAM RADIO CENTRES IN EACH MAHA DISTRICT -**

The Times of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Govt-plans-HAM-radio-centres-in-each-Maha-district/articleshow/47077398.cms>

MUMBAI: The Nepal quake has made the state government aware of the difficulty in reaching tourists through routine communication networks during natural disasters. It has now decided to set up at least one Emergency Operation Centre equipped with a ham radio system in every district to communicate during such disasters.

Times cares: Reach out, aid Nepal

"We will set up emergency operation centres in all districts and, if possible, at taluka level too," said Suhas Diwase, director of the state disaster management cell. There are about 400 licensed ham radio operators in the state, 40 of them from Mumbai, including doctors, lawyers and engineers. "ham radio can also be used to send and receive e-mails, share data and images," said Ankur Puranik, chief commanding officer for engineering and wireless service of Disaster Amateur Radio Emergency Services (DARES), an active ham radio service in the state.

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via DXLD)

14215 kHz USB is in use at the moment. More details on facebook page

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They are reporting problems with aid flights not able to be accommodated at their airport - no more than 2 on the ground at any one time. UK aid flights from Brize Norton consequently said to be delayed by two days (Paul John Dixon, UK? 1735 UT April 28, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

**** NEPAL [and non]. A Radio Update Related to Nepal**

I'm safe here in Abhayapuri, Assam, India!!! The earthquake that struck Nepal also felt greatly here around 11.41 AM Local Time (0611 UT) on Apr 25th and then two aftershocks also felt by me around 12.19PM (0639 UT) on Apr 25th itself. Later on Apr 26th around 12.42 PM (0712 UT) also.

Radio Update: BBC Nepali I heard perhaps special shortwave transmission of BBC Nepali due to the earthquake in Nepal on 11995 and 15510 kHz (my monitored frequencies) from 0130 UT onwards on Apr 27th after BBC Hindi transmission in the morning (0100-0130 UT). I monitored for a few minutes. Here is the link to the audio recorded around 0134 UT on 11995 kHz:
<https://app.box.com/s/rk1n3s8tixpyr6u9r9usm8eyd2fzus5w>

Radio Nepal on Medium Wave on Air: And I heard on Apr 27th evening R Nepal on MW from 1358 UT onwards on 684 kHz (via Pokhara?) broadcasting earthquake related updates and announcements plus talks with administrative officials of various districts about damage, deaths and search & rescue and relief operations, etc., etc. The reception was good to fair with occasional fading (slight interference sometime from Bangladesh Betar broadcasting on 693 kHz from time to time) via my Philips DL334 portable receiver on battery.

There was another frequency which the same transmission was on air i.e. on 648 kHz (via Dhankuta?) but the reception was poor. Here is the links to the audio files I recorded of Radio Nepal on 684 kHz. First audio recorded at 1546 UT:
<https://app.box.com/s/ydgedv88gket3fc8z2tqfrbsf8zbvzyk>
And at 1549 UT:
<https://app.box.com/s/83zwaigy6ow3ql2lj7zbrlda4r6wdi>

Geographical Location of Reception Place (Abhayapuri): Longitude: 26°18'20"N North. Latitude: 90°37'50"E East (Gautam Kumar Sharma, Abhayapuri, Assam, India, DSWCI DX Window April 29 via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 7375, April 26 at 0120, The Mighty KBC via Nauen, Germany, is still VG tonight, as Uncle Eric says Kraig Krist is standing by with a Forgotten Song (is that still circa 0145-0150 now that The Giant Jukebox has expanded to three hours?). But now, Peter Jones (James?) who sounds German, gets barely a minute to go over some ham DX news headlines. Circa 0130, Kim Andrew Elliott introduces some Radiogram beeps allegedly publicizing the KBC QSY to 9925 from next week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A reminder: The April 26, 2015, 0000-0300 UT broadcast is the final one on 7375 kHz until later this year. Next week, May 3, 2015 the Mighty KBC switches to 9925 kHz. My "Forgotten Song" segment is

usually somewhere in the 0230 to 0300 UT block. If the "Giant Jukebox" is missed, or propagation isn't cooperating, I have studio qualify audio of the show in the "Mighty KBC" section of <http://www.kg4lac.com> Hope everyone enjoys the show. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Special Spaceshuttle test transmission on 13800 kHz!!! Dear listeners, Radio Spaceshuttle will have SPECIAL TEST transmission on 13800 kHz on Sunday 26th of [April] 2015 at 2000-2100 UT (21-22 in UK, 22-23 in Central Europe, 23-24 in Eastern Europe)

This transmission will be made to study is this frequency more free to be listened this time. As well we like to gather information of areas where this transmission might be received - Reception reports with audio files are very welcome!

Please send your reports with fee of 2 euros / 3 US-\$ or IRC's to our Herten Postal Box:

Radio Spaceshuttle International

P. O. Box 2702

6049 ZG Herten

The Netherlands

spaceshuttleradio@yahoo.com

(Dick Spacewalker, April 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PIRATE-EURO. Radio Spaceshuttle International, 13800 LSB, 1832-1900*, 04-19-15, SIO: 121. Just heard bits of music, ID 1853 by OM announcer. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Radio Spaceshuttle International, 13800 AM, *2000-2100* 04-26-15, SIO: 232. Signed on with song "Epaille Vain" by Juice Leskinen [per Shazam] ID by OM, into more tunes including one by Rod Stewart and Laura Branigan. Signal fair at sign on; was unlistenable after 2030 (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180 USA, Receivers: Eton E1, NRD-545, Aerials: G5RV, 40 Meter Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Does it really qualify as a pirate if it is openly purchasing time on a legal full-power transmitter??? So I have filed it under NETHERLANDS [non] > BULGARIA, rather than vague EUROPE (gh, DXLD)

April 26:

Radio Spaceshuttle in English to WeEu 2000 on 13800 Secretbrod

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6NsCh21CIw&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Spaceshuttle in English to WeEu 2002 on 13800 Secretbrod

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-r6ViEX3Kj4&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Spaceshuttle in English to WeEu 2004 on 13800 Secretbrod

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQCiq-xGBps&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Spaceshuttle in English to WeEu 2033 on 13800 Secretbrod plus
2nd harmonic 27600

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW0_HjawU1w&feature=youtu.be

Radio Spaceshuttle in English to WeEu 2058 on 13800 Secretbrod plus
2nd harmonic 27600 [on his local groundwave]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0MLsilEbiUc&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Beforehand info of transmissions in future of Radio Spaceshuttle Int.

Hi folks - because results was quite nice during last week's
transmission we shall keep same time and frequency also in our few
coming transmissions. So, on 3rd of May 2015 20-21 UT on 13800 kHz
special transmission toward Japanese listeners and seek for over
Atlantic dx! Yours, Dick on service, Radio Spaceshuttle

DJ Spacewalker,
Radio Spaceshuttle International
P.O.Box 2702
NL: 6049 ZG Herten
The Netherlands

A little fee (2 euros) for return postage (for full info printed QSLs)
is needed! Quick response and communication is possible by e-mail:
spaceshuttleradio@yahoo.com Best Regards!,
Dick of Radio Spaceshuttle
<http://spaceshuttleradio.freesevers.com>

Please note, that we have gathered all reports in here for "One-time"
posting after this transmission Season January to end of June. So
printed QSLs will be sent after that (and e-mail QSLs as well)

Prizes for winners will be posted same time - For 3 most reports sent
persons and to 3 winners picked By Madame Fortune. With prizes there
are for example Radio Spaceshuttle T-shirts, caps, pens, stickers,
magnetics, strange music-CDs, etc..(Dick, April 29, HCDX via WORLD OF
RADIO 1771, DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. 11725, April 25 at 0536, RNZ is starting a special
about the centenary of Gallipoli which is to last 75 minutes until
another special live event about it. Usual VG signal (Glenn Hauser,
OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. Surprisingly good reception of Voice of Nigeria April 22:
2100-2200 on 7255.0 IK0 250 kW / 248 deg to WeAf Fulfulde

2100-2200 on 11769.9 AJA 250 kW / 248 deg to WCAf Arabic
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, April 23, dxldyg via DXLD)

9689.897, V of Nigeria's Hausa service via Ikorodu noted at 2006 UT,
April 23, S=9+5dB in peaks +10dB. But scratches heard 9682 to 9696 kHz
(Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Currently also worth trying in Europe 1800/1830- on 7254.9. English
service from Abuja in the clear until 1900, much cleaner audio than
english from Lagos on 15120 in the morning/afternoon. It's a bit
irregular, especially sign-on time is often later, same pattern as
15120 DRM. This service is not // to livestream. No livestream at that
time, likely because there is no programme feed from Lagos at that
time. Resuming at 2000 with French, which is barely audible on 7255.0
73 (Thorsten Hallman, Germany, 1036 UT April 24, ibid.)

Voice of Nigeria on April 24:
2000-2100 on 9689.9 AJA 250 kW / 248 deg to WCAf Hausa
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. Surprisingly good reception of V. of Nigeria April 22/24:
2000-2100 on 9689.9 AJA 250 kW / 248 deg to WCAf Hausa
2100-2200 on 7255.0 IKO 250 kW / 248 deg to WeAf Fulfulde
2100-2200 on 11769.9 AJA 250 kW / 248 deg to WCAf Arabic
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/surprisingly-good-reception-of-voice-of.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015
via DXLD)

I've been away from my radio for a couple of weeks due to my wife
having major surgery. Happy to be back!

15120, Voice of Nigeria at 0500 with news headlines and iworld newsî,
although it began with all Nigerian news - Strong but only fair
overall, degraded by whine and bassy audio, Apr 27 (Harold Sellers,
Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, parked by the lake,
with the Eton E1 and Sony AN-1 active antenna. Editor of World English
Survey and Target Listening, available at <http://www.odxa.on.ca> dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120-AM, April 28 at 0601, VON undermodulated but not distorted, and
sufficient to copy with concentration: YL with news about Nigeria in
English. Some bother from self-imposed squealing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. GERMANY, Hamada Radio International was gone again
from shortwave: 0530-0600 on 11740 NAU 125 kW / 185 deg to WeAf Hausa,
no signal April 27. My last recording on April 21:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/hamada-radio-international-was-gone.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, April 27, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

Many times this station has disappeared suddenly only to reappear some weeks/months later; presumably due to lapses in funding (gh, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE-NA. Wolverine Radio, 6955 USB, 0149-0155*, 04-19-15, SIO: 555. Just caught tail end of show with song "Lonely" by Alix, then SSTV image before closing down. Audio sounded a bit overdriven. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. Twangy Radio, 6925 USB, 0038-0044, 04-23-15, SIO: 232. Couple of IDs, almost sounded like Toynbee Radio (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180 USA, Receivers: Eton E1, NRD-545, Aerials: G5RV, 40 Meter Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6876.0-AM, April 24 at 0142, having encountered not a single pirate above 6900 now or in the previous half-sesquihour, I do find music here, on the well-established frequency of a single station, poor to fair with YL vocal, 0144 ``Go ahead and shoot; do me a favor``, clip from movie or oldtime radio, and DJ says ``Heartbreak Hotel``, theme for the evening? Not that axual song heard now; and: ``on The Crystal Ship from the TCS shortwave relay network`` --- so is there really more than one transmitter site? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6940-USB, April 26 at 0104, poor signal with pirate music; 0112 announcement mentions hfunderground and how the ads Google gives him are for Asian single women, rather than radio equipment. 0115 acknowledges contact from Bill Hassig in Chicago (a very active pirate DXer); 0116 finally IDs just before going back to music as ``Radio Free, What-ever``. Now signal is a little better (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1020, April 26 at 1339 UT, my semi-local KOKP Perry is off! Sibling station 1580 KOKB Blackwell is still on, so make that Double-Play instead of Triple-Play. In KOKP absence, I detect a JBA carrier on-frequency, likely remnant of KMMQ Nebraska. These stations are normally almost zero-beat, and I can hear the 50 kW KMMQ Spanish around SRS. Both were suspected as source of way off-frequency het heard by others starting with Todd Skaine, MN, previous night April 25 circa 1100 UT. Maybe that's why KOKP is off now? Still off at 1730 UT April 26 recheck. 400/250 watts. Hope it's still off tonight so can hear something more exotic like KDKA or ZP14 or some of the 52 Radio Illimani 1020s in Bolivia, hi2.

Brian Rachford, Prescott, AZ posted at 1105 UT April 25 to IRCA:

``I've got it here, although the hum is quite fade-y. It loops W-E, so maybe KMMQ? Frequency analysis on a brief recording has a wonking spike at 107 Hz. I have Spanish speaking over Spanish music so probably KTNQ [Los Angeles] over KMMQ, which is common here. The hum decreased when the SS music became dominant for a bit. Had a "Univision" ident near TOH so the SS talk is KTNQ, and couldn't make out an ident for other station, but format consistent with KMMQ``
(Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1020-, April 27 at 0526 UT, semi-local KOKP Perry is still off the air; must be serious.

As Minnesotans have been noting, there is a low audible het on frequency, so somebody else is off-channel, and to the low side. They think it's KMMQ in NE but not I, since LAH loops ENE/WSW from here. At 0527 UT I do get an uncopied Spanish ID which is not off-frequency, and from N/S-ish, and presumably that is KMMQ.

Then by 0534 UT CCI on 1020 grows from something in English, ad in the 412 area code, i.e. KDKA Pgh PA, but which is surely not the off-freq either, and not much of a signal.

Once again, since there are no Mexicans in the north or west, that rather leaves the much-crippled, QRP from 50 kW KCKN Roswell NM as prime suspect. With max signal from the het, I also note that it is pulsing regularly, at the rate of 136/minute. Someone closer to KCKN should be able to check out these signatures. And KOKP is still off April 27 at 1957 UT check.

1020, KOKP Perry, still off the air at 2238 UT check April 28 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 1020, April 30 at 1229 UT, KOKP Perry is still AWOL, and in its absence there is weak Spanish from N/S, no doubt KMMQ Plattsmouth (Omaha market) NE on 50 kW day pattern. KOKP still off at 1917 check (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1120, April 27 at 2246 UT, KETU Catoosa/Sperry/Tulsa is on! Not only with carrier, but romantic music programming, for first time in at least 3 months. I check it almost every day, and yesterday afternoon there was still no signal. Now it's definitely this with Mexican music from direction of Sperry, too early for KMOX.

Last known name as KEOR was Radio Victoria, so I'm listening for such an ID and praiseworthy programming; 2251 UT brief announcement but no copy before back to music. I'm on the porch but still battling computer hash QRM from inside, so I move out to the end of the driveway where it's less. I also switch from the PL-880 to the DX-398

which is definitely more sensitive if not more selective. 2257 UT I hear new slogan ``La Nueva Picuda'', next song includes lyrics ``s  lo por ella''. 2301 UT ID: ``Est   en sinton  a con La Picuda; transmitimos desde Los   ngeles al mundo'' and back to music. NO LEGAL ID, no call letters or local location, nor any pause in the network feed for it!

So I then search on that strange name, picuda, a feminine mexicanismo which means clever, crafty or sly. And first find this:

<http://www.radiogl.com/#!la-picuda/coh1>

7/24 formato regional mexicano

Explains how to get it using Comrex or Barix automation systems. That link to main site, mascot an anthropomorphic sombreroed chili pepper:

<http://www.picudaradio.com/>

but really not much there except a webcasting link untried.

General searching on the name keeps hitting 107.1 in Dallas, KDXX as another Picuda affiliate. This aggregator site, <http://www.worldtvradio.com> puts KDXX and lots of other K-calls in North Carolina! What's with that?? What nonsense. Furthermore, KDXX is really in Denton TX, north of Fort Worth, and really on 99.1, with the slogan Latino Mix, per WTFDA FM Database. However, it's sibling station to 107.1 KESS Benbrook TX, suburb southwest of FW, not Dallas.

FCC AM Query shows KETU is still licensed to La Zeta 95.7 (i.e. KSEC Bentonville AR). Legal SR/SS hours for Catoosa are: April, 1145-0100 UT; May, 1115-0130 UT. I tune in again at 0058 UT April 29 but it's already off and KMOX is now in with silly baseball game, guess what team. Remains to be heard whether KETU will now stay on the air at least in daytime, or perhaps this was just a one-shot like otherwise silent stations often perform to avoid losing their license. (Our streetlite now fires up at *0130 UT, clear sky at sunset, which was 0117*.)

1120, April 29 at 1648 UT, KETU Catoosa/Sperry/Tulsa, Radio Picuda is off the air again, as if yesterday's appearance was indeed a one-shot to keep the license active. But I shall try to keep checking for it at least once a day.

1120, while KETU Catoosa/Sperry/Tulsa was off at 1648 UT check April 29, it's back on at next check 2359 UT, monitored across hourtop with ``regional Mexican music'', no KETU or La Picuda ID, no break, but segu   to another song at 0002 UT April 30. ``Regional Mexican'' as a format I find incredibly vague, but no less so than simply ``Mexican''. By this hour KMOX is starting to show its SAH. Maybe back to old trix, sporadic limited transmissions which could also appear at night? Watch out for it.

1120, April 30 at 1230 UT, KETU is on again, quick announcement of uncopiable website and ``La Picuda`` slogan; vs gospel huxter in English depending on nulling, no doubt KTXW Texas, no KMOX by this hour. KETU is off again at 1917 UT recheck. I've yet to hear any legal KETU ID from it (Glenn Hauser, Enid, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1210, April 30 at 1233 UT, Guymon with weather ``on Today's Country, KGYN``, so is slogan no longer ``US Country``, or just a variant? (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1230, April 23 at 0707 UT, weather and ID for WBBZ, Ponca City. Altho WBBZ is our daytime groundwave semi-local, unusual for it to be audible in the middle of the night against hundreds of other but further stations (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. April 24 at 1230 UT, I awaken to find AC power is off, so hasten to tune around with lowered noise level. Strongest local, 1390 KCRC in another part of Enid is also off, so must be fairly extensive. Its associated Chisholm Trail stations on FM are also off, or rather on with carrier only: 107.1 KNID, 95.7 KXLS; while Champlin's 96.9 KQOB and 1640 KZLS, really run from OKC and with sites between here and there, are still on normally.

At 1239 UT bandscan, also off the air is 94.3 KLGB-LP, but strangely, its sibling station at same site, 99.9 KVBN-LP, is still on. The Williams stations, 960 KGWA and 103.1 KOFM are still on. Also still on in Enid are translators or LPs on 92.1, 105.5, 98.5, 91.1, 89.1.

Power at home comes back on at 1307 UT, but KCRC 1390 is still off; by 1315 UT its carrier with hum is back. 94.3 is also back by 1315 UT with music; 95.7 still open carrier; 107.1 back to normal with Oklahoma Farm Bureau report at 1316 UT; At 1318 UT, 95.7 is back to normal too.

Cause of outage must not be storms, none around. Here's the scoop from the Enid Eagle:

``UPDATE: POWER RESTORED TO ENID CUSTOMERS

Posted: Friday, April 24, 2015 8:47 am Enid News & Eagle

ENID, Okla. ó More than 2,862 customers were out of power Friday morning for about an hour, according to an OG&E Electric System spokesman.

John Little said power went out around 7-7:15 a.m. and was restored for most around 8 a.m. A lag in OG&E's SystemWatch, the public online source for outage information, showed power still out to nearly 3,000

around 9 a.m. Little said that digital issue is being address by OG&E so more accurate information will be provided in the future.

A burning pole in the area of Cambridge and 6th in northeast Enid was to blame for the outage, Little said, though officials do not yet know what caused the fire. He said they do not believe weather was to blame.

When crews arrived on the scene, he said, they were able to reroute power to most of the affected customers. "With the exception of one or two people off that pole," he said, "everyone is back on."` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non] I would have preferred to be in Enid for most of this week. Power went off around 1 am (local) Tuesday morning and apart from 2 hours on Tuesday afternoon didn't come back on until about 9 pm Friday. At one stage there were 100s of thousands properties without power and there are still 10s of thousands without power. The server came up but the networking wasn't working so after a bit of a look it is now working (I don't live where the server is). I normally connect remotely but my internet has only been available this afternoon. Couldn't buy batteries to power any radios so it was quiet here. Just had a hailstorm and now have lots of thunder. ñ (Wayne Bastow, Narara, NSW, Australia, 33 23' 33.5" South, 151 21' 10.4" East, April 25, ARDXC via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 1500, April 26 at 0135 UT, ad for a product from Cardinals.com so must be a St. Louis team baseball affiliate. Per http://mlb.mlb.com/stl/schedule/tv_radio_affiliates.jsp the only one on 1500 is KPGM Pawhuska (Bartlesville market) OK. The trouble is, it's a 500-watt daytimer, illegal after 0100* UT in April (May: 0130*). However, sibling fulltime station 1400 KWON + FM is also on the roster. There are Cards affils in nine states, NOT including Kansas which the Royals must have sewn up. There are several more in OK, but only in the north, east, and central part of the state (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1640, April 28 at 0635-0638+ UT, dead air from local KZLS Enid/Hennessey/OKC, while with carrier nulled, there's talk about earthquake, which seems unlikely to be on ESPN's WTNI Biloxi MS, so what else? Usually KZLS is on 'Red Eye Radio'. 0703 UT recheck, now it's remodulating with ``news`` from Blaze Radio Network, back to dead air at 0704 UT after cutaway cue ``truth lives here``, ha ha (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 97.1, April 23 at 2015 UT, ``The Sports Animal`` slogan makes it on the PL-880 despite strong adjacent 96.9 KQOB ``Enid``. WTFDA FM Database searching on frequency and slogan leads right to

only one: KYAL Muskogee OK, 100 kW, 600m HAAT. I suppose it's // 2.5 kW 1550 KYAL Sapulpa OK with same slogan in NRC AM Log but no mention of an FM there. Likewise, no mention of an AM // in the WTFDA listing. Could they be non // but with same slogan? AM 1550 is barely audible here, less signal than closer 250-watt KKLE Winfield KS (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. MST3K sux --- [Mystery Science Theater Three Thousand]
To: info@oeta.tv
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015, 3:17 AM

I can't believe you have decided to take up an hour of prime time with MST3K. I watched an episode or two of it years ago on original run, and it got old VERY fast. This kind of thing might be amusing for a 5-minute segment, now and then, not 90 a week. At least there are no repeats(?). Regards, Glenn Hauser, Enid (to OETA, April 17, via DXLD)

OETA AND OKLA DON'T MIX --- Online schedules, I mean. They have been functioning well lately, including crossing the midnight barrier, but there is still one big drawback:

Additional airtimes. We all know that OKLA repeats a lot of OETA programming, but not always, and often not at the same hour. Yet, if you e.g. click on addl airtimes for MS3TK at the OETA listing, you don't find any.

Yet there is one after all the next night on OKLA. Surely you can configure your online schedule to pick up and display all additional airtimes of any program, INCLUDING when they are on the other channel.

While I'm at it, too many of the listings have generic or NO specific program content info, especially OETA productions, of all things, which surely must be known to you.

While I'm also at it, I have to repeat another complaint: ``Original airdate`` always displays the current airdate, even when it's a repeat of a few days ago or a few years ago! What does ``original`` mean, anyway?

Don't hide when you are running repeats. Nothing wrong with repeats, only trying to pass them off as brand-new. Thanks, Glenn Hauser, Enid (April 23, to OETA, via DXLD) No replies and no axion, so far (gh)

** OKLAHOMA. After many months of NO SIGNAL on cable 15 from Suddenlink in Enid, since must-carry(?) KXOK-LD a block away has been off the RF31 air, *suddenly* April 26 at 2230 UT I notice an old Roy Rogers movie eventually involving an airplane! So KXOK is back? NO, checking the antenna feed, still no RF 31, but the relay on RF 32 is

on, still with infomercials only, and no sound most of the time, as in my last report. So what's this on C15? It's still labeled KXOK!

Finally I match it up to Cable 134, still labeled as long-gone ZUUS -- but it's still KOKH RF 24, 25.2 being relayed, i.e. now with GRIT -- = old movie channel. Roy Rogers color is washed out, and I don't think brown horses should have blue highlights, so presumably colorized. It's also miserably low-res and stretched (can't monkey with aspect on cable channels to my sets). Another old RR movie starts at 0000 UT April 27.

I noticed this first on analog cable 15, which I still have plugged into one monitor, as well as DTV C15 and C134 --- one little problem -- there is no sound on either 15 with this input! Just on C134, and still the case 30 hours later recheck. Why bother? BTW, ignorant online TV listings from TVG and Zap2it have continued to show imaginary programming on KXOK, probably the Retro TV sked which it once carried (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. With semester/quarter ending, it's time for a glut of recitals, music performances by university students and faculty. The University of Oklahoma School of Music had been carrying certain concerts by live-only streaming webcasts; this year the full concerts are on YouTube, not only live but later, unknown for how long. Last one listed is the President's Concert of April 26, which I have yet to watchear.

Sound is usually OK, not necessarily including announcements from the stage which are often off-mike, at least not on the mike going into the cameras! Here's access, also to other events such as lectures:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcgxsRwCi57g23SsJxQsrRw>

or one step back in case that doesn't work, go to

<http://www.ou.edu/finearts/music/>

and click on View All Concert Streams

I wonder if OSU does anything like that?

(Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 9500, April 24 at 0118, Qur'an on good signal, so RSO is on correct frequency tonight for western Europe, also USward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. (OMA). My first look thru the WRTH A-15 update file provokes these comments/correxions:

RADIO SULTANATE OF OMAN (Pub)

kHz: 9500, 9540, 13600, 15140

Summer Schedule 2015

Arabic Days Area kHz

0000-0200 daily Eu 9500thu
0200-0300 daily EAf 9540thu
0400-1000 daily EAf 13600thu
1500-2200 daily Eu 15140thu

English Days Area kHz

0300-0400 daily EAf 9540thu
1400-1500 daily EAf 15140thu

This fails to note wide variation in frequency usage, misses 9740 at 22-24, often later instead of 9500. And has anyone heard 9540 in English at 03?? (Glenn Hauser, April 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan has issued a frequency schedule for A-15. It's the usual booklet, and does not give details of which transmitter is operating on any frequency. But I don't think it matters, as the station does not seem to be on the air on any of them - Ivo is the only one that seems to find them when active.

Here is the schedule, and it might be worth checking now and again as it was announced that the SW service would resume.

Radio Pakistan A-15

0045-0215	Urdu	15730	17830	SoEaAsia
0500-0700	Urdu	15395	17835	ME, Iran, Turkey & No/We Africa
0830-1104	Urdu	15320	17700	WeEUR
1200-1300	Chinese	15700	11570	Far East
1330-1530	Urdu	15485	17510	ME, Iran, Turkey & No/We Africa
1700-1900	Urdu	11570	15700	WeEUR

To South Asia

0900-1000	Bangla	11860	15105
1000-1030	Nepali	11860	15105
1045-1145	Hindi	11860	9690
1145-1215	Gujrati	11860	9685
1230-1300	Sinhali	11865	9705
1300-1330	Tamil	11865	9705

To Afghanistan

1345-1445	Pushto	7475
1445-1545	Dari	7475

To ME, Iran, Turkey

1700-1800	Farsi	7470	9490
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(Noel R. Green-UK, April 20, BC-DX 26 April via DXLD)

April 21:

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to ME 1453 on 15485 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBriXVAGzwU&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to ME 1459 on 15485 Islamabad and off at 1501

UTC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kEZd1bBwf0&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to WeEu 1725 on 15700 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pC0lX2jL2U&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to WeEu 1750 on 15700 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCZXEbUSuqE&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to WeEu 1752 on 15700 Islamabad

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xh-UjKFOe_M&feature=youtu.be

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Pakistan in Urdu heard surprisingly again on SW:

1400-1500 15485 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg to N/ME, ex 1330-1530 15235 A-14

1700-1800 15700 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu, ex 1700-1900 11570 A-14

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/radio-pakistan-in-urdu-was-heard.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015

via DXLD)

Observations of Radio Pakistan PBC on April 23, 24, 25:

April 23

1200-1300 on 15700 ISL 250 kW / 070 deg EaAs Chinese, QRM Farda 15690

// frequency 11570 ISL 250 kW / 070 deg EaAs Chinese is off

1330-1530 on 15485 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg N&ME Urdu off always at 1500

// frequency 17510 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg N&ME Urdu is off

April 24:

0500-0700 on 15395 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg N&ME Urdu very poor reception

// frequency 17835 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg N&ME Urdu is off

0830-1100 on 15320 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg WeEu Urdu no signal

// frequency 17700 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg WeEu Urdu no signal

1330-1530 on 15485 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg N&ME Urdu no signal

// frequency 17510 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg N&ME Urdu no signal

1700-1900 on 15700 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg WeEu Urdu till 1800 and off

// frequency 11570 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg WeEu Urdu is off

April 25:

0830-1100 on 15320 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg WeEu Urdu, confirmed 1000-1100

0830-1100 on 17700 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg WeEu Urdu

Full summer A-15 schedule of Radio Pakistan may be found here

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/observations-of-radio-pakistan-pbc->

on.html

(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015 via DXLD)

April 23:

Radio Pakistan in Chinese to EaAs 1258 on 15700 Islamabad, QRM Radio Farda on 15690

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe6FWHE0eN8&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to ME 1337 on 15485 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHStRKWqBbI&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to ME 1345 on 15485 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C045Tcd61e8&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to ME 1357 on 15485 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKIfnLP-Ttg&feature=youtu.be>

April 24:

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to ME 0652 on 15395 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R59P088qZzY&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to ME 0655 on 15395 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89aK1Y27zv0&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to ME 0658 on 15395 Islamabad

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwh1AxBcT_Y&feature=youtu.be

April 24:

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to WeEu 1701 on 15700 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nh2uLyBbEg&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to WeEu 1722 on 15700 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMdPzLJIilw&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to WeEu 1753 on 15700 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ch712X6ttTY&feature=youtu.be>

April 25:

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to WeEu 1029 on 15320 Islamabad

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nP2Du_Uz7Qo&feature=youtu.be

Radio Pakistan in Urdu to ME 1351 on 15485 Islamabad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xmb9TjBqdRU&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 15700, never heard or/and observed any of these Islamabad transmissions here in Germany in past months. Wb (Wolfgang B,schel,

April 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Wolfy, Yes, Pakistan is being heard here - and they are currently at fair strength on 15485 at 1455 playing music. It's best in LSB due to REE 15490. Has gone off air a few seconds after 1500. I can detect something on 15395 at around 0630 but it's too weak to tell what it is - but only PAK is registered. REE is using 17855 and 21620 as well as 15490. 73 from (Noel Green, ibid.)

Weak signal of Radio Pakistan, just barely audible on April 28:
till 1100 on 15320 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu Urdu
1100-1106 on 15320 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu English nx
from 1106 on 15320 ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu Nat.Anthem
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/weak-signal-of-radio-pakistan-in-english.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALAU. 9930, Sunday April 26 at 1309, T8WH with gospel huxtress in English, and not on 9965. Examining Aoki, in the 13-14 UT period, 9965 Angel 5 is daily except Sundays, and 9930 Angel 3 is Sat & Sun only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALAU. Furusato no Kaze, an event held in NY "International Symposium on Human Rights Violations Including Abductions By North Korea" live relay:
1400-1600 9910 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg to NEAs on May 5 via T8WH Angel 5
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/furusato-no-kaze-live-relay-on-may-5.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015 via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7325, Wantok Radio Light with Fair to Good signal level from 0740 UT tune on both April 21 and 22 - peaking 0800 to 0900 UT, with April 22 being the better reception (almost armchair level!).

On April 22 signal was as good as I have heard in this time slot. Overcome by CRI carrier at 0957 UT. Heard both from Perseus site near Edmonton (VE6JY) and home QTH (latter was severely QRM'd by splatter from Brother Stair on 7315 kHz but otherwise signal level similar to VE6JY site). Syndicated program at 0745 UT. Brief drum IS and NBC news at 0800 UT. News at 0800 UT was in three languages - English at 0900 UT, and two vernaculars at 0805 and 0810 UT by three different male announcers.

Station ID's "Wantok Radio Light" at 0816 and 0816.5 UT by man followed by praise vocal. Time hack of "20 minutes past 6" by man at 0820 UT. Announcement about FM 93.9 at 0821 UT followed by another

praise male vocal. Bluegrass vocal at 0830 UT followed by short instrumental music. "Fresh Cut" syndicated program from First Assembly of God at 0834 UT.

Programming was the usual mixture of praise music and syndicated programming. Much better in this time slot as twilight gray line passes PNG than at the brief 1400-1430 UT window where signal level here in Southern California is marginal at best (Bruce W. Churchill-CA-USA, DXplorer April 22 via BC-DX 26 April via DXLD)

7324.97, Wantok Radio Light, 0845-0945, April 28. Decent reception and fairly readable.

0847-0900: Syndicated "Fresh Touch" preaching; write c/o "Wantok Radio Light, P.O. Box 1273, Port Moresby"; <http://www.freshtouch.org/>

0900: NBC National News in English; state of emergency due to fighting on one of the islands; sound bites of parliament speaker Theodore Zuorenuoc calling for higher moral standards in PNG (many news stories recently about his trip to USA where he received a 404 year old Bible that was a gift from the state of Indiana to the people of PNG); sports and weather.

0912: "Wantok Radio Light Ministries thanks the National Broadcasting Corporation for allowing us to relay the daily news bulletin. Join us at 7 AM for the next NBC National News; ad for "NASFUND" savings; PSA ("Speeding kills . . . never forget road safety").

0930: "Ninety-Nine Ltd. is happy to bring you Focus on the Family. Ninety-Nine is a company that introduces popular health products to keep the family healthy and strong"; into the "Focus on the Family" program (this program not on during the weekend).

<https://app.box.com/s/ixsmwd3ngpahev4wlaej5lyb293cqu7z>
has over six minutes of audio (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRL Port Moresby PNG --- heard in English language on 7324.955 kHz at 1245 UT April 28 on remote SDR unit post in Queensland Australia under CRI Japanese service even frequency. Bad mixture signals in Brisbane.

Maybe there is a small window in CRI broadcasts on that channel, Xian Japanese 500 kW 73 degrees ends at 1357 UT, Beijing Filipino 500 kW 165 degrees opens around 1427 UT wb (Wolfgang B, schel, ibid.)

7325, Wantok Radio Light, Port Moresby. Not often heard at my QTH, but fair level tonight with a Pidgin talk at 0909 on 23/3 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX-160, Longwire), May ADXN via

DXLD) date sic, maybe correct, or 23/4? (gh, DXLD)

Reactivated. English religious programme 0740 to 0758, then ID as "Wantok light", fair signal 21/4; then better signal next night 0800 22/4. No China interfering! (John Wright, Peakhurst NSW (ICOM R75 off a car battery, EWE 350 degrees), May ADXN via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. April 28 2015 --- NBC Papua New Guinea

Latest update for NBC: \$100m+ is needed to rebuild the national broadcaster says the Minister of Communications. In a related interview broadcast from Radio New Zealand International recently, the Institute of National Affairs makes the following points:

- * shortwave continues to be the only way to reach all rural areas
- * provincial and district administrations are expected to put more funds into local programs after years of no attention
- * NBC is reconsidering if it should own and manage the infrastructure such as broadcast towers and transmitters
- * sharing of facilities with mobile phone operators is being considered to reach more areas with FM signals

In the meantime, provincial shortwave stations continue to come back to life after months off air, or go silent without warning. Regular monitoring is needed to understand the situation day by day. With thanks to ADXC [sic] / RNZI. We continue to welcome monitoring reports of NBC Papua New Guinea shortwave and private shortwave stations in PNG to help us update the PNG country information in the World Radio TV Handbook [WRTH]. Details of FM outlets as relayed by provincial NBC stations is also needed. Please send information to info@radioheritage.net and thank you in advance.

(Radio Heritage Foundation, Wellington, New Zealand,
<http://www.radioheritage.net>

Please become a supporter today, April 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4985.5, Per', Radio Voz Cristiana, Huancayo, 2350 to 0000 minster in Spanish; first time with no rttty interference at this time, 23 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5980, April 25 at 0108, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, until cutoff at 0109:25*. This is 31.5 seconds later than last check a pentanite ago, averaging 6.3 seconds later per. We should now be drawing close to another autotimer reset back closer to 0100*, only to start precessing again.

5980, April 26 at 0105, JBA carrier from R. Chaski until cutoff at

0109:30.5* which is 5.5 seconds later than last night.

5980, April 29 at 0107, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, until cutoff at 0109:49* --- 18.5 seconds later than three nights ago, averaging six and a sixth later per (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. Technical details concerning BBG operations: see U S A [and non]

** PHILIPPINES. 9925, R. Pilipinas, Tinang. Scheduled as English at 1750 but Tagalog service noted with a heavy use of English words. ID at 1800 then stock market report all in English. // 12120 also heard and a fair signal on 23/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FT DX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May ADXN via DXLD)

** POLAND [and non]. Polen: Nach dem Ende des deutschsprachigen Auslandsdienstes des Polnischen Rundfunks am 1. Juli 2014 haben fr,here Mitarbeitende der deutschen Redaktion ein Nachrichtenportal aufgemacht: ÑWir machen weiter, weil wir es wichtig finden und Spaß an der Sache haben. Unter notgedrungen veränderten Vorzeichen und Umständen wollen wir weiterhin über Polen berichten. Als einziges in Polen von Polen über Polen gemachtes deutschsprachiges Internetportal, möchten wir Sie mit geschriebenen und gesprochenen Berichten, Analysen und Kommentaren auf dem Laufenden halten und unterhalten. Wenn Sie sich weiterhin für Ihr Nachbarland Polen interessieren, dann besuchen Sie unser neues Internetportal <http://www.radiodienst.pl>

Radiodienst Polska entstand in Warschau in der zweiten Jahreshälfte 2014 als eine unabhängige Eigeninitiative einer Gruppe polnischer Journalisten. Sie sind der Ansicht, dass es ein von Polen in Polen gemachtes deutschsprachiges Publizistik- und Rundfunk-Internetportal über Polen geben sollte.

Radiodienst Polska wurde geschaffen und wird finanziert aus eigenen Mitteln seiner Begründer, ohne institutionelle Geldzuwendungen aus Polen oder anderen Staaten. Träger des Vorhabens ist die Fundacja/Stiftung BelVoxTon Polonia.i

Als Anshub strahlt Radio 700 ab April das wöchentliche Audioprogramm ÑThemen der Woche von Radiodienst Polska (02-320 Warszawa, ul. Grójecka 42/39, Polska) aus:

1530-1600: 7310 (Kall DE 1 kW) So

1630-1700: 6005 (Kall DE 1 kW) So

1930-2000: 3985 (Kall DE 1 kW) So

Uhr Weltzeit (+2=MESZ) (Radiodienst Polska 2.4., Bernd Seiser

3.4.2015) (ntt aktuell Mai 2015 bei Prof. Dr. Hansjörg Biener,
Neulichtenhofstr. 7, DE 90461 Nürnberg, Hansjoerg_Biener @ yahoo.de
via DXLD)

After the demise of Polish Radio External Service, a group of
journalists set up this alternative program in German, broadcast via
Germany (gh)

** PUNTLAND. Now on Air on 13800 kHz, H3E-CUSB in Somali. ID as
"Puntland Radio One" "Puntland Radio Uno". Audio file:
http://radio.chobi.net/mp3/Radio_Puntland_13800kHz_20150427_2310JST.mp3
de H. Komatubara in Akita-prefecture (S. Hasegawa, 1505 UT April 27,
dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sei-ichi Hasegawa reports in DXLD hearing R Puntland on 13800 kHz.
It's a new 10 kW tx in Garowe and still testing (via Mauno Ritola on
WRTH - World Radio Tv Handbook Facebook Group)

13800 kHz currently (1630 UT) audible here (on AM+USB) including
English IDs and also mentioned 49mb frequency (6160 kHz?) (Alan
Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030plus, ALA1530, April 27, BDXC-UK yg
via DXLD)

Nothing audible here around 1540 UT check April 27. [On recording
above] Announcement first in Italian makes one suspicious of its
origin, then English, then Somali(?) Phone number country code 252 is
Somalia (including Puntland tho?). And putting such a good signal into
Japan (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This comment today (April 27) on Bulgarian DX Blog (by engineer
installing transmitter?)

"Puntland Radio now active 20KW on 6160 d 13800 KHz, Power 20 KW, TX
in Garoowe Puntland. Regards, Enrico Li Perni, 5Z4ES - IV3SBE - 600ES,
The engineer in charge of supply and installation"

Radio Puntland tests on 13800 also has IDs in Somali and Italian as
well as English plus local music (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK
AOR 7030plus, ALA1530, BDXC yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

I am listening to typical music from the region on 13800 kHz AM at
1805 UT. It's carrier plus USB only (LSB missing). 73 (Harald Kuhl,
DL1ABJ, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Test transmission of Puntland Radio One till 1805 on 13800 CUSB on
April 27. HOA music + announcements in Italian, English and Somali //
6160 not heard. 1600-1800 QRM powerful China Radio International in
Arabic on 13790, videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/test-transmission-of-putland-radio-one.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, April 27, dxldyg via DXLD)

[and non] If Puntland tries to use 13800 and 6160 thruout the day and night, what will they collide with?

HFCC shows on 13800 already:

0150-0250 Iran in Hindi via Sirjan

0400-0600 R. Tamazuji & R. Dabanga via France, Madagascar, Vatican

[and Sudanese tone jamming! especially after 0430]

1000-1100 RFA Tibetan via Kuwait, [and ChiCom jamming, of course]

1530-1630 HCJB Russian & Chechen via Austria [Saturdays only]

1700-2000 Secrethrod, Bulgaria has reserved,

e.g. Spaceshuttle Sundays only at 18-19 [later, 20-21]

Aoki adds:

1300-1400 VOA Chinese via Saipan (plus jamming)

I am disregarding presumably wooden registrations for Moscow, Oman

On HFCC paper, 6160 looks like a very good choice, with absolutely nothing registered! However, Aoki reminds us of the two 24h low-power CBC Canadians, which hardly need any more QRM; and also lists two Brazilians, RBV, Porto Alegre, 24 hours; and R. Rio Mar, Manaus, 10-21, but probably both inactive.

So during what hourspan is anyone hearing Puntland now on these frequencies? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13800, April 28 at 1345, JBA signal with music, 1347 announcements, 1348 HOA? Music; 1354 talk in English, only can copy ``252`` and some zeroes by M voice; 1400 HOA music, 1401 announcements again English with phone number, then woman in presumed Somali. Until 1400 at least, there was a het from 13795 on the FRG-7's normal bandwidth, presumably Iran in Urdu until 1420. 1426 recheck, JBA carrier only on 13800

This would not be much to go on, except the day before, April 27, news broke on the DXLD yg from S. Hasegawa in Japan that a Radio Puntland One had been logged and recorded by another Japanese DXer:
http://radio.chobi.net/mp3/Radio_Puntland_13800kHz_20150427_2310JST.mp3
de H. Komatubara in Akita-prefecture. What I hear now is like his clip with the English ID including country code 252 which is SOMALIA.

NO sign of VOA/ChiCom jamming before 1400 today on 13800, so that must already have moved on. I could not hear anything on 13800 April 27 circa 1540. And on April 28 the signal is so weak that there's no chance of hearing it on the DX-398 or PL-880 where I could tell if

it's Carrier+USB only; no way to determine that on the FRG-7 with needed longest antenna.

Francesco Clemente, Italy, has more on this:

``Hola Glenn, aquí una caliente para tu boletín: Puntland Radio testing daily on 13800 and/or 6160 kHz at 0600-1600 UT. E-mail confirm via puntlandradio1@gmail.com According ing. Ahmed Aden and ing. Enrico Li Perni, technical people of Goldrock (Kenya). (via Francesco Luigi Clemente, MCDXT member, <http://www.mcdxt.it> Italy)``

Latest Aoki has now added R. Puntland on 13800, H3E mode, with different timespan, 0700-1800. But no entry yet on 6160.

Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria notes that 13800 went off around 1500 April 28.

On the BDXC-UK yg, Alan Pennington April 28: ``Mauno Ritola (on WRTH Facebook group page today) reports Radio Puntland tests closed today (28 April with the new 20 kW tx) on 13800 kHz at 1500 UT. Then weak carrier heard on 6160 kHz, with Koran recital after 1600 (maybe Radio Puntland), then off at 1726``

Wolfgang B, schel reminds us that this station first appeared two years ago, as detailed in DXLDs 13-16 and 13-17 under PUNTLAND, not Somalia:
<http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1316.txt>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1317.txt>

But after that, nothing. It has taken another two years to get back on the air, this time to stay? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Part from above issues two years ago:]
To refresh the History of March / April 2013:

SOMALIA New SW station for Puntland / Somalia.
<<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puntland>>

More detailed info enclosed. Thank you Mauno and Jari for cooperation.

Dear Enrico, here's a model example of modern team work within radio community of the world. Can you confirm all this data below ?
Best regards, Ilpo Parviainen (Ilpo Parviainen-FIN, dxld Apr 17, 2013)

Hallo!!! Yes all confirmed. I designed the station.
Tx Elcor 25 kW (Costa Rica)
Modulation PDM with optical laser switching.
Tube 3cx 20000a
Plate voltage modulation.
64 bit audio sampling rate.
Antenna

<https://youtu.be/VbGsR4yB0t0>

(Dave Valko, 2129 UT April 28, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Dave Valko's outstanding reception today of Radio Puntland One, from 1315 to 1319, with clear ID in English at 2:52 (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, the same Puntland Radio sound level audio as yours - heard here in the clear on armchair level on remote SDR units in Calabria southern Italy, at Grenoble France, and in St. Gallen Switzerland in 12 to 1258 UT on Tue April 28 by Y.T. too. Both footprints were 13800.003 kHz in H3E-CUSB broadcast mode, and adjacent IRIB Sirjan Urdu service 1247-1323 UT on 13795.008 kHz wolffy (Wolfgang B.schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Interesting! What is more interesting is the time of reception, 1315. My reception on April 27 was 1812-1816 and the ID tape was just the Italian part and then abrupt carrier off. This was from the Perseus site in E. Finland. It seems that transmission times are variable which is what one would expect from a test protocol (Bruce W. Churchill, 2491 Palo Vista Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028-9690, Tel: +01 (760) 731-9707, SWDXer since 1952, HCDX via DXLD)

13800, April 29 at 1424, no signal at all, not even a trace of a reduced carrier, from Radio Puntland One, as heard yesterday at 1345-1426. Is it off again, or just propagation? As of 1800 UT, I've yet to see any logs of it today. Aoki's 13800 entry remains as before, but not 6160 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More information about Radio Puntland on the South East Asian DXing blog:

SOUTH EAST ASIA DXING: Radio Puntland One

A new Somali shortwave station is testing on the frequency of 13.800 kHz. Radio Puntland belongs to the government of Puntland, which is one of the breakaway region...

<http://shortwavedxer.blogspot.co.uk/2015/04/radio-puntland-one.html>

Posted by: (Paul Watson, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

The opening paragraph of this blog is slightly misleading - Radio Puntland was opened by the Puntland President and first made low-power tests (50 watts) on 13800 *two years ago* in April 2013 (see 'Communication' May 2013 page 13)

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Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Radio Puntland One transmitter:

HSS-20KS

Made by HANJINETC in S.Korea

<http://www.hanjinetc.co.kr/mfhf-radio-transmitter-5/?lang=ko>

(S. Hasegawa, via Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD)

Der S,den ist z.Zt. bevorzugt. Remote Empfänge
jetzt um 13 UT sehr sch^n in Grenoble, St. Gallener Land, und vor allem
in Kalabrien an der Stiefelspitze Italiens zu h^ren. ID in English um
1310 UT m^nliche Stimme, gefolgt in Arabisch [sic] by einer Lady.
6160 und 13800, letztere Fußprint ist 3 Hertz auf der oberen Seite.
Dazwischen die typische HoA East Africa Musik zu h^ren.

Wer nicht gut trennen kann, IRIB Sirjan in Urdu ist z.Zt. auf
13795.008 kHz auf der unteren Flanke zugange (Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD)

13800.003 exact footprint at 1300 UT April 28. No problem here on
various remote units in Europe at 13 UT on April 28, armchair
listening in southern Italy - Calabria province remote unit, the best
reception in Europe at this time span. Despite also good reception
near Grenoble France, St. Gallen Switzerland, and Amberg Bavaria
Germany.

IRAN 13795.008, 1217-1523 UT Urdu from IRIB Sirjan site next channel.
73 wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In WRTH 2015 it is scheduled: 6140 at 0300-0400 and 1500-1800, 13800
at 0400-1500. Future Plans 25 kW (Anker Petersen, Ed., DSWCI DX Window
April 29 via DXLD)

Page 358 along with a bunch of FM stations in separate Puntland
section under SOMALIA; original power shown as 200 watts (gh, DXLD)

**** ROMANIA. RADIO ROMANIA TURNS PROFIT IN 2014**

According to the activity report of the Public Radio published today,
the Romanian Radio Broadcasting Corporation (SRR) completed the
financial year 2014 with a net profit of over 7 million lei (that's
over 1.5 million Euros), given that last year the institution had
total revenues of about 415 million lei (9.4 million Euros).

The whole story (in Romanian) here:

<http://www.mediafax.ro/cultura-media/radioul-public-a-terminat-anul-financiar-2014-cu-un-profit-net-de-pest-7-milioane-de-lei-14162468>

My comments: that may be good news for all of you who enjoy listening

to Radio Romania International. As long as SRR is still profitable (they have been since 2007), I hope nobody there thinks about cutting the SW broadcasts (Tudor Vedeanu (Gura Humorului, Romania), April 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Great news, indeed. RRI is one of the few SW radio stations that I enjoy hearing, and always a pleasure with such great technical quality! 73 (Walt Salmaniw, BC, ibid.)

** ROMANIA. CLANDESTINE, clandestine transmission on Saturdays only:
Radio Warra Wangeelaa-ti:
1500-1530 on 15515*TIG 150 kW / 165 deg to EaAf Oromo Sat
* first 7 seconds - wrong Radio Romania International IS/ID
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, April 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. INFO WARS --- SANCTIONS-STRAPPED RUSSIA OUTGUNS THE U.S. IN INFORMATION WAR --- Apr 2, 2015 4:05 AM GMT
<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-04-02/sanctions-strapped-russia-outguns-the-u-s-in-information-war>

MOSCOW DROWNS OUT VOICE OF AMERICA, AND FACTS ARE A CASUALTY.
Nicole Gaouette

The troubled U.S. agency responsible for delivering news around the world is being outgunned in Eastern Europe by Russian outlets unrestrained by notions of fact-based journalism.

The unequal competition raises fears among U.S. officials that Moscow is winning the information war about events in Ukraine, even as the Russian economy staggers under economic sanctions imposed after the takeover of Crimea.

iRussia has engaged in a rather remarkable period of the most overt and extensive propaganda exercise that I've seen since the very height of the Cold War,î Secretary of State John Kerry told a Senate subcommittee in late February. It's ispending hugely on this vast propaganda machine,î he told another panel the same day, and it's succeeding ibecause there's nothing countering it.î

iYou have your truth, I have mine, there is no truth.î Stephen Blank

Not literally nothing. Up against Russia 24, Rossiya 1, Russia K, First Channel, Sputnik and other around-the-clock operations, are new U.S.-sponsored Russian-language offerings including, iCurrent Time,î a newscast of just 30 minutes beamed into Eastern Europe on weekdays. The Voice of America show, co-hosted from Washington by Natasha Mozgovaya, is part of \$23.2 million in programming aimed at Russian speakers. That comparatively small sum is up 49 percent from last

year, according to Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland.

Russia Spending

How much Russia spends on its information programs is difficult to pin down, but in the face of sanctions forcing cuts elsewhere, President Vladimir Putin pledged to increase budgets for state-run outlets and cultural outreach. He said outlays for Rossotrudnichestvo, an organization devoted to spreading knowledge of Russia and its values abroad will rise from \$60 million to \$300 million by 2020.

The differences in approach between what Kerry describes as Russian propaganda and U.S.-supported outlets were on display last month, on the first anniversary of the Crimean annexation.

State-owned RT quoted Putin recalling that Crimeans had voted to return to the Motherland in the face of Ukrainian nationalism. The headline: *Coming Home*. VOA reported details RT omitted from the same interview: Putin's acknowledgment that Moscow had planned the annexation and sent in troops weeks before the referendum. That headline: *Putin's Latest Crimea Spin Attempts New Narrative*.

Fact-Checking

Given the David-and-Goliath challenge *Current Time* faces, preparation and fact-checking are among the program's best assets, says Mozgovaya, 35, a Russian-born, Israeli-raised former war correspondent. *We need to double and triple-check everything because the only thing basically that we have here is credibility,* she said. *It's a very big responsibility because broadcasting one fake from our side will cost us the reputation.*

Budgeted at about \$2 million a year, the program airs in Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Lithuania and Latvia. It's available free to networks and on Google Inc.'s YouTube. The Broadcasting Board of Governors, the parent agency of VOA and other government-backed outlets, doesn't know yet how many people watch *Current Time*, which began in October, but social media feedback shows it's striking a chord, said Arkady Cherepansky, assistant managing editor of VOA's Russian Service.

Beyond the Russian-speaking region, RT, with an annual budget of at least \$241 million, sends Moscow's version of events to the world in English, French, German, Spanish and Arabic.

Editorial Stance

The network is seen by more than 600 million people worldwide, said

Peter Pomerantsev, who described Russia's weaponization of information in his book, *Nothing is True and Everything is Possible*. U.S. and European officials and analysts say one of its aims is to undermine Western unity over economic sanctions.

Lithuanian Foreign Minister Linas Linkevicius has called RT no less destructive than military marching in Crimea. Its editorial stance is that there is no objective truth, said Pomerantsev. The point isn't persuasion, says Stephen Blank, a senior fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, but to muddy the waters. *You have your truth, I have mine, there is no truth.*

The network's slogan is *Question More*.

That editorial approach means RT gives air time to people who blame the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and entertains multiple theories about who shot Malaysian Airline System Bhd.'s Flight 17 out of the skies over eastern Ukraine.

Broken Agency

RT is amplified by social media disguised to look like ordinary people's accounts, said Angela Stent, director of Russian studies at Georgetown University in Washington. Its social media use is *very sophisticated*, she said, and includes *people who troll and immediately bite back at critics*.

Requests for comment from the Russian Embassy and RT weren't answered.

Facing off against the Russian juggernaut is a U.S. agency that lawmakers have called *broken* and *dysfunctional*. Last year, the State Department's inspector general found that the BBG, with a budget of more than \$720 million for its worldwide activities, had wasted almost \$5 million on unapproved purchases, couldn't properly record budget transactions, had inadequate IT security, and wasn't able to keep track of physical property.

In another blow, Andrew Lack, the former chairman of the Bloomberg Media Group who was sworn in as the BBG's chief executive officer and director on Jan. 20, left just six weeks later to run NBC News.

Spending Increase

Still, the U.S. is boosting the BBG's budget, saying that the Russian narrative in Eastern Europe must be countered. Baltic states are so *iflooded with propaganda*, Kerry told lawmakers, that people there aren't aware Russian soldiers have crossed the border into Ukraine or died there. Many think *we're the problem*, Kerry said.

For fiscal year 2016, the Obama administration is requesting \$38.6 million for Russian-language programming, a 66 percent increase, plus more than \$20 million to train Russian-speaking journalists, support independent media and other programs.

Much of the effort to counter Russia's narrative unfolds in a ground floor studio at VOA headquarters on Washington's National Mall. In a darkened control room nearby, a producer scans dozens of wall-mounted screens as his team prepares to tape iCurrent Time.i

Russian Speakers

The name, a pun in Russian, carries the connotation of ithe real deal.i

Some screens feature the show's Uzbek co-anchor preparing in Prague, others have camera angles at the United Nations. Several screens show Mozgovaya, blond head lowered over a laptop as she prepares for the show.

The BBG has hired more part-time correspondents who speak Ukrainian, Tatar and Russian. It set up news websites such as iDonbass Realitiesi focused on places under siege. There are plans for a central Asian version of the show and another focused on the Caucasus and for new mobile platforms, said Jeffrey Trimble, deputy director of the BBG's International Broadcasting Bureau. A 24-hour global Russian-language TV station, perhaps with European partners, is a longer-term possibility.

Information War

The target audience -- Russian speakers inside and outside the country -- is 260 million people worldwide. Stent, of Georgetown University, said Western democracy is one complicating factor in trying to reach them. iThe problem is in the West we don't have one message and we're up against a very coordinated information war,i Stent said.

Cameron Johnston, an analyst at the European Union Institute for Security Studies in Paris, said the Kremlin's media strategy irests on three key propositions: there is no such thing as objectivity; journalists are not critics but servants of the state and, in wartime, they are isoldiers of the ideological front.ii

Reaching those inside Russia, where Putin has steadily tightened controls on media, is increasingly difficult. In 2005, VOA was carried on almost 100 Russian outlets. Now it's on just one, and that may be eliminated by proposed Russian legislation that would ban iundesirable

foreign organizations.î

Alexander Tarnavsky, a supporter of the measure, said in the lower house of Russia's parliament on Jan. 20 that he hopes the law will put the brakes on some of the foreign companies that joined the fight against Russia.î

At the iCurrent Timeî studios, staffers like Cherepansky say Russia's closed media market gives their job added urgency, particularly in spreading U.S. views on events. iUnless we go out, talk about it, it is as if it never happened,î he said (via Larry Zamora, TX, DXLD)

** RWANDA [non]. April 20:

Radio Imara, ex Radio Impala, Radio Mara in Kinyarwanda to SoAf 1802 on 17540 Madagascar
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zo5MImi8NBw&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Imara, ex Radio Impala, Radio Mara in Kinyarwanda to SoAf 1812 on 17540 Madagascar
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toannnJ-_HA&feature=youtu.be

Radio Imara, ex Radio Impala, Radio Mara in Kinyarwanda to SoAf 1823 on 17540 Madagascar
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HiY5pWnc6Mw&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Imara, ex Radio Impala, Radio Mara in Kinyarwanda to SoAf 1834 on 17540 Madagascar
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oT6F1qGTvQ0&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Imara, ex Radio Impala, Radio Mara in Kinyarwanda to SoAf 1844 on 17540 Madagascar
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCvTtM7RoH8&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Imara, ex Radio Impala, Radio Mara in Kinyarwanda to SoAf 1854 on 17540 Madagascar
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKge2jSHRLc&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MADAGASCAR, R. IMARA again with 2 minutes open carrier, dead air and:
1800-1802 on 17540 MDC 250 kW / 310 deg to SoAf open carrier, dead air and
1802-1858 on 17540 MDC 250 kW / 310 deg to SoAf Mon/Wed/Fri, videos
Apr.22
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/radio-imara-again-with-2-minutes-open.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, April 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Funny, the ID really sounds like Radio Imara and the web address

they give sounds like soundcrowd.com but --- When checking the Radio Impala site at <https://soundcloud.com/radioimpala> there's the same program audible. So, is it just the way the announcer speaks and in fact it is Radio Impala? (Jari Savolainen, Finland, April 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA [non]. Radio Inyabutatu: Saturday only clandestine:
1600-1700 on 21480 ISS 100 kW / 144 deg to SoAf Kinyarawanda Sat
1800-1900 on 17605 ISS 100 kW / 144 deg to SoAf Kinyarawanda Sat, new additional
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/two-clandestine-transmissions-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, April 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SCOTLAND [non]. April 25:
Radio Six International in English to CeEu 1357 on 9405 CUSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xAWYK1PLw8&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Six International in English to CeEu 1400 on 9405 CUSB Sala
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_aek3bK2BM&feature=youtu.be

Radio Six International in English to CeEu 1455 on 9405 CUSB Sala
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvOz6-CIA_4&feature=youtu.be

Radio Six International in English to CeEu 1502 on 9405 CUSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5L96tg8Ka0>

Radio Six International in English to CeEu 1533 on 9405 CUSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZFWNr1jyKQ&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Six International in English to CeEu 1550 on 9405 CUSB Sala
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qG_K0QnbbI&feature=youtu.be

Radio Six International in English to CeEu 1558 on 9405 CUSB Sala
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbMXcz9Wtik&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [and non]. Re: Bijeljina & Stubline --- countdown?

My apologies to the members. One of our terrific regular behind the scenes contributors informed me that Stubline TX site equipment was put up for sale in recent years. One such online For Sale page/doc was dated May 2013 seemingly for power supply units & truck that was used for the mobile truck 10 kW SW transmissions from the site.

I looked further at DXLD YG archives and found references from Kai & Wolfgang about site. From Wolfgang, he believes he last noted a transmission in May 2012 & maybe the site was no longer in use from July 2012.

If anyone has any further more specific last monitored or official info please drop us a line (Ian, Apr 23, shortwavesittes yg via DXLD)

I think the Stubline property had meanwhile been put on sale as well.

Concerning first-hand information, I fear this is yet another case of sources being lost in the last few years. But what can be said anyway is that the low power transmissions from Stubline ceased in mid-2012. Left since then are only a few hours of Jabanusa transmissions, at present on 6100 in an undetermined slot between 1730 and 2200 (probably but not necessarily throughout).

Anything else in their program schedule is imagery. Not the playouts themselves, they go out via the web stream (with terrible coding artifacts on mic audio and a "nice" ground loop), but the other shortwave outlets.

By the way, I was so far under the impression that Radio Yugoslavia has a premise for themselves. But not so, the run-down building at Hilendarska 2 is the general Belgrade radio house, i.e. home of the RTS radio services as well. This was probably overlooked in the past because everyone, including NATO forces, focussed on the TV side. (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

minor correction:

> mobile truck 10kW SW Txions

in last decade some Serbia insider reported generated power as
16 / 17 kW
after lost the main power connection during NATO bomber airforce ride
in 1999 clashes between NATO and Serbia.

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see pages 419 - 456, especially page 445, destroyed SW of SJU Radio Jugoslavija at Stubline TX 100 kW / and keep stored 500 kW unit originate from Bijeljina Bosnia site, and MW 684 kHz Zvecka Obrenovac Continental 2000 kW beast too

YUG_R_Serbia_oldSW_site_Stubline_destroyed
44 33 49.41 N 20 08 32.24 E

YUG_MW_Beograd_Zvecka_683/684_2000kW_Continental_beast
44 38 28.63 N 20 08 28.75 E

<http://de.scribd.com/doc/179053140/84676462-NATO-Crimes-in-Serbia-Yugoslavia->

Below is a report on the destruction of the SW site and the high power MW site:

Transmitters in Stubline and Zvecka near Obrenovac

On May 30, 1999, at 8:45 a.m., in the village of Stubline, Obrenovac municipality, several missiles hit the short-wave broadcasting centre of Radio Jugoslavija on Valjevski put St. The centre was completely destroyed, including two 100 kW [kW] and 500 kW [kW] transmitters.

On May 30, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., in the area of Zvecka village, Obrenovac municipality, the RTS transmitter on äabacki put St. was targeted by several missiles. Two of them hit the power supply section of the old building, while one missile hit and completely destroyed the Radio Belgrade 2nd and 3rd channels transmitter. The power cable between the antenna and the transmitter has been rendered unusable. The garage and the spare parts warehouse are destroyed. The nearby residential buildings are damaged by the detonation. The overall material damage is huge.

page 118 and 154 on
<http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/files/109/8332.pdf>

Many radio facilities destroyed by NATO bombing, see pages 152 to 154
<http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/files/109/8332.pdf>

One more transmission centre was destroyed on the same day, May 30, 1999. In the village of Stubline, near Obrenovac, the short-wave radio centre of Radio Jugoslavija was hit and totally destroyed, including the two transmitters of 100 kW and 500 kW respectively."

Also on May 30, 1999, at 8.45 am, several missiles destroyed the RTS MW 684 kHz 2000 kW transmitter in the village of Zvecka, near Obrenovac. The transmitter had been used by Radio Beograd's channels Two and Three. The building with a parking garage and a spare part warehouse, as well as a few of the residential buildings in the vicinity were also destroyed." {both tx masts seemingly ready for service, acc Google Maps image, wb.} ibid.

ReL > minor correction

16...17 kW from a local diesel generator? This would in fact fit a carrier power of 10 kW of the transmitter itself, as it was reported back then.

And this mobile transmitter had been set up in 2007 when the Jabanusa

facility was defective. They then kept it until 2012 as part-time alternative to the expensive 250 kW operation from Jabanusa.

- > destroyed SW of SJU Radio Jugoslaviya at
- > Stubline TX 100 kW / and keep stored 500 kW unit
- > originate from Bijeljina Bosnia site

These were two of the four original transmitters, after 1990 moved out of the Jabanusa plant to Stubline for fear of suddenly losing access to the facility in Bosnia-Herzegovina. It is quite ironic that instead this facility still exists only *because* it is located outside Serbia.

- > and MW 684 kHz Zvecka Obrenovac Continental 2000 kW beast too

This was, as far as I know, Asea Brown Boveri equipment.

"Beograd 2/3" was 1008 kHz, which presumably was co-located with 684 kHz. I have never seen a real description of the constellation, though (Kai Ludwig, *ibid.*)

Wolfy, one not so minor correction: There were no clashes between Serbia and NATO, but a devastating US terrorist operation under the cynical name "Merciful Angel", which killed as much as 4000 innocent civilians, including Bulgarian people too, and destroyed a huge number of bridges and roads, industrial plants, countless businesses, civilian buildings, public buildings such as hospitals, full of injured people - men, women and children and so on. And to this day there is no official information about the victims of NATO genocide against Serbian people (Georgi Bancov, Bulgaria, *ibid.*)

FUNCIONARIA DE ALTO RANGO SERBIA DEFIENDE LA CONTINUIDAD DE RADIO SERBIA INTERNACIONAL --- by gruporadioescuchaargentino

La presidenta del Comité para la Cultura y la Información del Parlamento de Serbia, Vesna Marjanovic, considera que Serbia necesita un medio como lo es Radio Serbia Internacional - Radio Yugoslavia, y que hay que reorganizarlo, y no apagarlo. En conversación con la radio emisora internacional serbia, ella dijo que la crisis económica primero afecta a la cultura y la información.

La presidenta del Comité parlamentario recuerda el hecho de que los medios en la sociedad contemporánea tienen una gran influencia, a menudo decisiva, en la edificación de la conciencia y el comportamiento de la gente, sobre todo de las generaciones jóvenes. Por ello los medios son muy importantes para la sociedad, la cual no puede quedarse indiferente ante los distintos contenidos que los patrocinadores mediáticos, y cada vez más los redactores del contenido

mediático, imponen en la carrera por el dinero.

Algunos contenidos vulgares y primitivos que se emiten también en los medios, se presentan y experimentan en el mundo como parte de las libertades humanas. Pero, en nuestro país el problema clave es que tales contenidos predominan cada vez más, y lo que preocupa en especial es que los propagan los medios con frecuencia nacional, destaca Marjanovic.

A su juicio, una de las razones de ello es sin duda la calidad insatisfactoria, y con toda seguridad la falta de dinero y de independencia redactora, del servicio público Radio Televisión de Serbia, el cual debería guardar los máximos estándares, a ejemplo de la BBC y otros servicios mundiales. Contenido vulgar lo habrá siempre, pero el problema está en que la gente ve sólo ese contenido, y esto es lo que preocupa, dice ella.

En la crisis económica, la cultura y la educación son los primeros afectados. En tales condiciones, es muy difícil destacar públicamente como prioridad las cuestiones de importancia para el funcionamiento de estos campos, destaca la presidenta del Comité parlamentario. Vesna Marjanovic recuerda que después de haberse adoptado la Ley de Adquisiciones Públicas y la Ley del Sistema Presupuestal, un gran número de nuestras instituciones de la cultura funcionan con dificultad, porque los responsables en el Ministerio de Cultura no señalaron a tiempo a los demás ministros y al Gobierno en su conjunto que el funcionamiento de estas instituciones no reposa sobre los mismos principios que rigen para los sujetos económicos.

Por ello, ahora se encuentran en la situación de no poder cumplir de una manera adecuada sus numerosas e importantes tareas sociales. En las sesiones del Comité nosotros llamamos la atención sobre esos problemas, ya que no tenemos las ingerencias para solucionarlos, y de esa manera nos empeñamos en cumplir de la mejor manera nuestro papel de controlador del Gobierno y del Ministerio competente, explica Marjanovic. Ella añade que en estos momentos no ve la disposición de que se eleve la calidad de nuestra escena mediática, planteando los máximos estándares posibles y aplicando las leyes tal y como tienen que aplicarse. Las leyes adoptadas se califican como buenas, pero aún no se ven los efectos de su aplicación.

Vesna Marjanovic está informada del destino incierto de Radio Serbia Internacional - Radio Yugoslavia, y de la posibilidad de que este medio de comunicación se extinga después de 79 años de labor y existencia. Ella manifestó su esperanza de que ello no ocurra y que Radio Yugoslavia, reorganizado, encuentre su lugar y subsista en una nueva forma, pero ejerciendo su labor original - la de informar a la diáspora y a la opinión pública internacional sobre el acontecer en

Serbia. ¡Esa es para nuestro país pequeño una tarea muy responsable e importante!, concluyó Vesna Marjanovic (tomado de la página web de Radio Serbia Int via GRA blog via DXLD)

** SERBIA [non]. 6100.00, 2100-2128* 24.4, International R Serbia, via Bijeljina. IS, English ID, announce two frequencies towards Europe and North America, news and comments, Balkan music with audience, 53443 heavy QRM from CRI in Arabic. This station announced it would close down by 30.6.2015! Best 73, (Anker Petersen, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, WB yg via DXLD) North America was at another time and imaginary (gh, DXLD)

It still has English to Europe at 1830-1900 and 2100-2130 on 6100 and to North America at 0030-0100 on 6190 (Erik Kie and Ivo Ivanov, DSWCI DX Window April 29 via DXLD)

No, it doesn't!!! Not to North America. If it had not been canceled years ago, it would be on 9685 in the A-seasons, not 6190, anyway. I pointed this out immediately when imaginary schedule was published by Ivo (based on IRS' own disinformation website), but editor after editor ignores my clarification. Why do I bother? At least those who really read my reports or DXLD have the correct info (Glenn Hauser)

** SLOVAKIA [non]. My first look thru the WRTH A-15 update file provokes these comments/corrections:

``RADIO SLOVAKIA INTERNATIONAL (Pub)
kHz: 738, 3985, 5850, 6005, 7310, 9955
Summer Schedule 2015
English Days Area kHz
0330-0400 mtwtf.. LAm 9955yfr
1830-1900 daily LAm 9955yfr
Spanish Days Area kHz
0230-0300 mtwtfs. LAm 9955yfr
2030-2100 daily LAm 9955yfr``

Long outdated info, like CZECHIA: 9955 is NOT on the air in daytime 14-21 UT, reconfirmed today; and when it was, last carried nothing but Brother Scare. In Bratislava do they think this correct? Also misses the recently retimed morning English at 1230-1300 M-F. Some of the other English/Spanish times may be incorrect, unchecked (Glenn Hauser, April 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. 7120, April 26 at 0330-0336+, presumed R. Hargeisa attains no more than a JBA carrier. Constant AM carrier unlikely to be a ham (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also PUNTLAND!!

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. PALAU, Cancelled transmission of Brother

Stair TOM via T8WH Angel 4:

1600-1700 on 9930 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs English from April 20

My last recordings of Brother Stair via T8WH Angel 4 on Tue, April 7:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/cancelled-transmission-of-brother-stair.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015 via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non non and non]. 21610, April 25 at 1328, Brother Scare on only poor signal from WHRI, and QRM'd by OTH radar pulses, roughly 21608-21633, Cyprus? WHRI registers 21610 at 13-14, then 21600 from 14 onwards, why? Because Saudi Arabia is imaginary on 21600 until 1400: I've never heard it for years (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Brother Stair and his frequent changes. Will we ever TOM Brother Stair will be stable in broadcasting? Every day there are changes frequencies, cancellations, etc. Let us wait! (José Ronaldo, Brasil, April 23, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Rather, let us hope - in Portuguese and Spanish the same word means hope and wait, which are quite distinct in English (gh, DXLD)

5110, April 29 at 0106, no signal, so the 40 hours per week of BS recently added to this WBCQ have been curtailed. Or transmitter broke down again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, April 24 at 0114, OC is on, very poor with flutter; music prelude starts at 0114:46.5, but NO timesignal is heard circa 0115:19 before SLBC sign-on announcement starts at 0115:23.

11905, April 26 at 0114, SLBC carrier is on, poor; music starts 0114:46.5, and mistimesignal ends at 0115:19.5, right on mistime.

11905, April 29 at about *0114:13, carrier on from SLBC, poor with flutter. Music lead-in from 0114:46, and 2+1 mistimesignal ends at 0115:14 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15274.975, Odd frequency from SLBC Trincomalee, frequency is NOT stable, probably main power current varies. Only S=5-6 poor signal into sidelobe here in southern Germany. DWL Amharic service 16-17 UT towards Ethiopia East Africa target (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7205, Sudan Radio, 0355-0425*. Booming in tonight with music till 0358, OM speaks and then children sing. Time pips at 0401 (they are a full minute off), OM IDs and another OM talks with presumed news in Arabic. Another OM begins speaking at 0414. Mentions of Sudan,

Ankara, Arabia & other Mideast locations. Sudden off at 0425 as usual. Best reception of this station in a long time with no ham QRM on 4/21. [I have even sent a CQ out on the same freq (in LSB) after their s/off on several nights. Hoping a fellow ham with SWLing interests answers as the freq is then clear] (Don Hosmer, West Branch MI, MARE Tipsheet April 24 via DXLD)

7205 Sudan Radio, Al Aitahab, 0330-0335, escuchada el 28 de abril de 2015 en rabe a locutor y locutora con comentarios, segmentos musicales en lo que parece un boletín de noticias con titulares, referencia a iSudani, SINPO 34333 (José Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena hilo de 10m; Blog valenciadx: <http://valenciadx.blogspot.es/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [and non]. 13800, April 24 at 0551, R. Dabanga talk and stinger, good signal via MADAGASCAR, and NO tone jamming audible at all. Much weaker // 11625 via VATICAN at 0552 does suffer from JBA tone jamming.

13800, April 25 at 0533, tone jamming, or rather het from carrier on hi side, marring R. Dabanga via VATICAN, but its good signal is still completely readable, the tone a mere annoyance, but how is it in Sudan? How many notch filters are on Sudanese SW radios? Is the jammer really inside Sudan? Skip distances on higher bands mean an external location would be more effective, but maybe Omdurman is far enough away from Darfur, roughly one megameter; more so on // 11650, which at 0537 has only a fair signal here but still atop its own tone jammer. HFCC registrations show that the entire 0430-0600 PNW (meaning Dabanga) transmission on 11650 is via Vatican, while 13800 switches from Madagascar to Vatican at 0530; why? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Another station on 13800: see PUNTLAND

** SURINAME. 4990, Radio Apintie, Paramaribo 0933, y1 chat in Dutch seemingly, still marginal signal here 14 April, 0955 om announcer with weak signals on 17 April (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, DX South Florida 1981 - 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4990, Suriname, Radio Apintie, 0723, mostly carrier with some slight threshold signal on occasion, April 16 (XM, Cedar Key, Florida, NRD525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DXSF, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. 15105.013, TWR Africa, children's girl chorus performing at 1603 UT on April 27. S=7 sidelobe signal into southwestern Germany. Weekdays only 1557-1627 UT scheduled in Kirundi language, acc Aoki Nagoya list (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND [and non]. Ken Mason --- A hearty welcome back for Ken as he has been away from the club over 30 years. Ken was the Club President in the late 70is/early 80is. Ken indicated that he moved back to Minnesota a month or so ago, and is current-ly living in Chanhassen. He indi-cated he still needs to bring his equipment from back east He has an NRD 545 among his many receivers (Report of the MDXC 3/14/2015 Meeting at the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting, Feb-Mar MDXC Newsletter via DXLD)

Ken Mason is getting his collection of radio gear moved from out east to Chanhassen. He mentioned that some years ago he was in Swaziland for 10 months to do a study of radio listening for the VOA, why and when people listen to the radio. He has much memorabilia to share (Report of the MDXC 4/11/2015 Meeting at the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting, April Minnesota DX Club Newsletter via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. SRI LANKA(non), Last test broadcast of PCJ Radio International via Sala

1942-2000 9405 SAL 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu English LSB R. Revival mx

2000-2100 9405 SAL 010 kW / non-dir to WeEu English LSB on April 24:

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/last-test-broadcast-of-pcj-radio_25.html

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, April 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

April 24:

PCJ Radio International in English to WeEu 2000 on 9405 Sala LSB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfJZGA0kA3s&feature=youtu.be>

PCJ Radio International in English to WeEu 2029 on 9405 Sala LSB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMCcIOVLgBk&feature=youtu.be>

PCJ Radio International in English to WeEu 2058 on 9405 Sala LSB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKtkfM-3d2k&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See TAIWAN [non]

Schedule from Sala, Sweden this weekend

Transmission schedule for this weekend:

Saturday, April 25 2015

1100-1200 UT Radio Nord Revival 7440 kHz, 9405 kHz

1200-1300 UT Sveriges DX-F^rbund 7440 kHz, 9405 kHz ...

1300-1400 UT The Ronny B Goode Show 9405 kHz

1400-1600 UT Radio Six International 3975 kHz, 9405 kHz

Sunday, April 26 2015

0900-1000 UT Radio City 9405 kHz

F^r svensk sommartid l%gg till tvÅ timmar (Ronny B Goode on Radio

Revival Sweden Facebook, 24-April via Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK yg via

DXLD) No LSB specified here

Radio Revival on April 25:

1100-1200 7440 SAL 010 kW / non-dir WeEu English CUSB, nothing heard

1100-1200 9405 SAL 005 kW / non-dir WeEu English AM, cancelled

Swedish DX Federation on April 25

1200-1300 7440 SAL 010 kW / non-dir WeEu English CUSB, nothing heard

1200-1300 9405 SAL 005 kW / non-dir WeEu English AM, cancelled

The Ronny B Goode Show on April 25

1300-1400 9405 SAL 010 kW / non-dir WeEu English CUSB

Radio Six International on April 25

1400-1600 3975 SAL 005 kW / non-dir WeEu English AM, cancelled

1400-1600 9405 SAL 010 kW / non-dir WeEu English CUSB

Radio City on April 26

0900-1000 9405 SAL 010 kW / non-dir WeEu English CUSB

(Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

Please note that for the transmissions on April 25-26 we have only one 10 kW transmitter available, as the 5 kW transmitter is not functioning very well right now. It needs some overhaul and there is not time to fix it in time for today's transmissions. Here is the current schedule:

Saturday, April 25 2015

1100-1200 UTC Radio Nord Revival 7440 kHz

1200-1300 UTC Sveriges DX-F^rbund 7440 kHz...

1300-1345 UTC The Ronny B Goode Show 7440 kHz

1400-1600 UTC Radio Six International 9405 kHz

Sunday, April 26 2015

0900-1000 UTC Radio City 9405 kHz (Ronny B Goode, this morning on Facebook via Alan Pennington, April 25, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

9405, Radio City via Sala, Sweden, *0900-0915, 26-04, tuning music, identification: "Radio City, the station of the cars", pop music, English, comments. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880 and Sony ICF SW 7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters and Degen 31MS active loop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7440.00, 1140-1150 Sat 25.4, R Revival, Sala (5 kW). Announced English, but it was a R Nord programme in Swedish! Best in USB: 55444. 9440 was not heard. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, WB yg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. April 21:

PCJ Radio International in English to WeEu 2000 on 9405 Sala LSB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jMkifWioeY&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also SWEDEN

** TAIWAN [non]. 9405.03, 2005-2020, SWEDEN, 23.4, PCJ, Taiwan, via Sala (10 kW), presumed English man and woman reporting, but the modulation was so poor, that I could not understand ONE word! 35121. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, heard on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire in Skovlunde, Denmark, WB yg via DXLD)

Auch ueber Schweden Kurzwelle in der Luft: Victor 4S7VK sucht fuer die 20-21 UT auf 9405 kHz Aussendung einen Ersatzkanal fuer das taiwanesisches Hobbyprogramm PCJ von Keith Perron.

Haben die schwedischen Funker nur 8 Quarze zur Verfuegung? oder matchen die Antennen nur schmalbandig? Die Auswahl ist sehr ueberschaubar limitiert:

3975

3955

6060

6175

7390

7440

9405 (the current one with white noise and splatter)

9705 (noise from Iran for the first 30 minutes)

> both 7390 and 7440 kHz ARE COVERED BY 5 0 0 kW POWERHOUSES

> from China Mainland in Serbian and Chinese services.

> NEVER USABLE, forget it Victor.

Am besten waere noch die 6060 kHz in den Nahebei Laendern zu gebrauchen. Im Winter dann das 75 mb (Wolfgang Buchel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 25 via BC-DX 26 April via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 11774.809, Taiwanese SOH odd frequency program, no Chinese jamming in background, S=7 signal at 1630 UT on April 27. SOH but also on 11715.087 kHz with different program spoken by men at 1635 UT, poor S=6 (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 14295 harmonic, Tajik Radio. Home Service (3 x 4765) // 19060 (4 x 4765), but not heard on 4765 & 9530 on 24/4 at 0500 with news in Tajik (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF 2001D, Folded Marconi ant 16 meters own made), May ADXN via DXLD)

Talks in Tajik 1248, then into local music. In amongst the hams! 28/3 (Craig Seager, VK2HBT, Bathurst NSW (Icom IC-746, Perseus, Horizontal Loop, LQ1AQ Amplified Loop, G5RV Junior, May ADXN via DXLD)

4765.051, Tajik Radio 1, via Dushanbe Yangi Yul center, at 1743 UT on April 27, Turk[ic] language family poetry verse reading, interspersed by local folkloric flute music. S=9+25dB more than fair signal into Germany (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 27, DX LISTENNG DIGEST) Technical details concerning BBG operations: see USA [and non]

** THAILAND. Re: Rangsit Bangkok Thailand MW site? former VoA Rangsit receiving site location wanted?

Udon Thani/Ban Dung and Bangkok Ayutthaya Phachi Thailand transmitting stations item in 2011y.
[see also big BBG/IBB Thailand item under USA, wb.]

BBG Survey, a lot of internal details of the operation of the IBB systems in recent years.
<http://www.governmentattic.org/13docs/BBG-TEOSreports_2011-2014.pdf>

some interesting items, like:

Adisak Pattanajakr and Samrong Prakobchit of the TX unit met with the Technical Director of the Public Relations Dept. (PRD) and members of his staff at the old VOA Receiver site near Rangsit, now a PRD transmitter site. {at 14 04 25 N 100 42 54 E location, 1150 x 950 meters wide range soil area, wb.}

The purpose of the visit was to discuss plans to implement AMC mode on a PRD DX-10 MW transmitter. A presentation about AMC mode theory and practice was provided to PRD. The Station is procuring an audio control card from Harris so that an interface can be built around a spare AMC card.

Eventually, the mode will be deployed onto the PRD Rangsit DX-10 so that the performance and power savings can be evaluated.

Re the Rangsit Thailand, former VoA Receiving Station (as like Munich-Ueberacker-D or Tatsfield-UK also).

I was not quite clear as location, I checked it once with Alan Davies's Asiawave list table. There probably is a large university building erected on it. But I still questioned also of present 819 kHz and / or 837 kHz site.

Have read/seen now also the 837 kHz matter in the meantime:

"The Station Manager and the Transmitter Plant Supervisor met with the new Director of Radio Thailand, at the Public Relations Department (PRD) headquarters. During this visit, Khun Adisak, the Transmitter Plant Supervisor, made a presentation to the PRD transmitter technical staffs from around the Kingdom on modulation-dependent carrier level and amplitude modulation companding (AMC) mode.

PRD transported the entire gathering to the station's Bangkok site to view recent modifications to the DX-1000 transmitter and to see the mode in operation. The remainder of the week, and the Senior Technician, from the Rasom plant provided follow-up training and guidance while installing AMC mode into the PRD DX-10 transmitter at Pathumthani in the metropolitan Bangkok area. The PRD transmitter is now operating on 837 kHz in AMC mode with improved power efficiency. PRD is very pleased with the results and will soon request that we continue to support them with this project." (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 24 via BC-DX 26 April via DXLD)

Help. Is this the MW 819 kHz 10 kW station now?
PRD Radio Broadcastcenter communication mast at
13 46 54.87 N, 100 33 36.54 E (B_schel, ibid.)

More technical details concerning BBG operations: see U S A [and non]

** TIBET [and non]. 6025, Xizang PBS, Lhasa, 2325-2355, program in presumed Tibetan, fair until finally squashed by Cuban jammer waiting for R Marti, // 6130 and 7385 despite a strong "blob" of noise on 7385. I was looking for Patria Nueva, Bolivia, but no sign of it tonight April 23rd (XM, Cedar Key, Florida, NRD525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DXSF, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. TAJIKISTAN, Frequency changes for Voice of Tibet:
1215-1230 NF 15537 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 15538
1245-1300 NF 15562 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 15588
1300-1315 NF 15563 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 15568
1315-1345 NF 15547 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 15542
1315-1345 NF 15563 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 15568
1345-1400 NF 15542 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 15548
1345-1400 NF 15568 DB 100 kW / 131 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 15562
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/frequency-changes-for-voice-of-tibet.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, April 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

** TINIAN. Technical details concerning BBG operations: see U S A [and non]

** TURKEY. 9515, UT Sunday April 26 at 0322, VOT is starting
'Letterbox Programme' with bouncy swing theme, and runs until 0334

with same theme and duplicate announcement serving as both intro and outro. In between, informal acknowledgments of reports from Christopher J. Campbell in Columbus OH, who has been listening since 1996y; someone from Hiroshima, among others, Glenn Lockley (spsp?), someone in Finland. Tnx to reminder from Alan Roe, who had heard mailbag circa 2220 25 April on previous broadcast, 9830. Was not on last Saturday/UT Sunday, so this confirms L'box still exists as fortnightly, tho its former alternator, 'DX Corner' is long gone. Good luck finding any mention of L'box on VOT website, let alone any weekend audio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9870, 4/25 0107, VOT, Emirler, in Spanish; YL presents News; ID, 45543.

9870, 4/26 0100 INDIA, AIR, Bangalore, in Hindi; Indian music; fair signal and poor modulation, 35432. Note: No signal of Voice of Turkey at this time, on 9870 (also dead on 9770). (JosÉ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-Brazil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

9770, April 30 at 0155, VOT IS with good signal, tail of the Spanish hour, while // 9870 is already off leaving India alone, and by the time I tune back to 9770, it too is gone (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. vs ALBANIA, Voice of Turkey vs China Radio International: 0600-0855 11750 EMR 500 kW / 097 deg to WeAs Turkish Voice of Turkey 0600-0657 11750 CER 150 kW / 140 deg to N/ME English China Radio Int <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/strong-collisions-between-voice-of.html> (DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015 via DXLD)

** TURKMENISTAN. TURKMEN GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN TARGETS RFE/RL
Bruce Pannier, RFE/RL Qishloq Ovozi blog, April 21, 2015
<http://www.rferl.org/content/qishloq-ovozi-turkmenistan-satellite-campaign/26969998.html>

"The government of Turkmenistan has taken a decision to liquidate all privately owned TV and radio satellite dishes in the country" and "the main target of this campaign is Radio Azatlyk, the Turkmen-language service of Radio Liberty/Free Europe."

That's according to the Civic Solidarity Platform, an umbrella organization bringing together nearly 60 nongovernmental organizations from the United States and Eurasia.

Azatlyk knows about the campaign to demolish satellite dishes. It's not the first time the Turkmen authorities have attempted to rid the country of satellite dishes, but this time the efforts

seem more serious.

The Turkmen government has always preferred to have a monopoly on the dissemination of information inside Turkmenistan. Access to satellite dishes, which in some cases cost only some \$100, has broken the grip Turkmen authorities have tried to keep on information, allowing citizens to watch or listen to programming from many sources, including Azatlyk.

But according to Civic Solidarity, this most recent decision by the authorities to rid the country of satellite dishes "is aimed at fully blocking access of the population of Turkmenistan to hundreds of independent international media outlets which are currently accessible in the country only through satellite dishes."

In naming Azatlyk as the main target of the campaign, Civic Solidarity called the RFE/RL service "the only independent source of information about Turkmenistan and the world in the Turkmen language and is widely listened to in the country."

Azatlyk has regularly reported on a wide variety of subjects affecting Turkmenistan today, from housing problems and long lines to purchase train tickets, to the problems of people being detained and imprisoned for demanding their basic rights be respected, or the deteriorating security situation along the country's southern border with Afghanistan.

What these topics all have in common is that Turkmen state media will not report on them and the authorities would prefer these matters not be publicized.

Civic Solidarity noted Azatlyk's broadcasts are "currently accessible to the Turkmen public through satellite dishes while other channels of information about Turkmenistan, including websites of human rights and dissident organizations as well as the website of Radio Azatlyk are blocked in Turkmenistan."

Azatlyk is aware of the campaign and has learned the Turkmen government is offering options to satellite-dish owners.

The government will compensate the loss of satellite dishes with "cable TV packages" that would provide "entertainment channels produced by Russia, Turkey, and India," none of which include news programs. The authorities have already said they reserve the right to cut off broadcasting at any time.

Another option for those losing their satellite dishes is to

agree to have government-installed satellite dishes on their buildings, but that would leave subscribers with only state-approved channels.

It appears in some cases Azatlyk would still be accessible on some antennas but on others Azatlyk programming would not be available.

As has been true during previous campaigns to rid the country of satellite dishes, the official reason given is that the dishes are ugly blemishes on the grand architecture of Turkmenistan's cities.

See also:

<http://civicsolidarity.org/article/1080/turkmenistan-authorities-ban-satellite-dishes>

Image: satellite dishes in Ashgabat, capital of Turkmenistan ...

Sending Pic:193x184C;

<http://janchipchase.com/2010/06/comm-clusters/>

<http://janchipchase.com/fp/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/20100525-Ashgabat-0208.jpg>
(via VOA Radiogram April 25 via roger, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U A E. 15420.13, BBC, Dhabbaya. English current affairs program at 0425, good signal but considerably off-frequency on 3/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FT DX 3000, Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May ADXN via DXLD)

11635.113, TWR Somali service via Al Dhabbaya UAE, poor sidelobe signal into southern Germany, at 1637 UT on April 27

9819.989, IBRA Radio in Tigre to ETH/ERI/E Africa target noted with silly boring "Sing, Sang - sing, sang -..." song, poor performance at 1643 UT on April 27, sidelobe signal to EUR at S=5 level strength.

6180.100, IBRA Radio in Somali, S=8 sidelobe signal observed via Al Dhabbaya-UAE site, in 1730-1800 UT slot, transmitter s-off early at around 1757-1758 UT (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews April 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Any UAE frequencies which are ON .000?? (gh)

** U K. Folk singer Lisa Knapp explores the inspirational power of the Shipping Forecast, BBCR4

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b005r401h>
(Mike Cooper, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. [Re GERMANY:] Hi Kai and group, Re the piece about 1340 and

the 1295 kHz take over by the BBC in the period 1962-1965, it's probably not known by many that the 1340 frequency, when released by Aspidistra, was transferred for a short while to Brookmans Park where it was used on T1 transmitter in the evenings as a means of keeping the channel occupied with BBC External services output.

One would guess with the pressures on MF channels in the 1960's it was important not to vacate, even temporarily, high power channels for fear of them being jumped on and occupied.

T1 50 kW, at the time was the reserve transmitter for T3, the 140 kW Home service unit on 908 kHz.

Then following a MF reorganisation the 1340 transferred to Lisnagarvey, Northern Ireland and as such Stagshaw 1151 kHz was able to carry home service with local opt-outs for N England and 1340 the same Home service with opt-outs for N Ireland.

Prior to that, 1151 was a sync group between Lis and Stagshaw. I worked at Brookmans 1977-1982 and was amazed to discover the settings charts and details for this temporary 1340 service. Regards, (Dave Porter, G4OYX, April 23, shortwave [sic] sites yg via DXLD)

** U K [non]. 15420, Thursday April 23 at 1355, ``This is the BBC; no programmes on this channel at present; details of all our services are at [bbcworldservice.com](http://bbcworldservice.com)`` along with jingle, long pauses and repeating. How thoughtful of them to inform us of this fact! Yet so many other frequencies with no BBC programming bear no such announcements. 15420 via SOUTH AFRICA, the Somali service is supposed to start at 1400 daily except 1300 on Saturdays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17790, April 24 at 1259, Bow Bells on weak signal, but during power outage here until 1307, with minimized noise level, allowing lots of signals to audiblize on 16m, via FRG-7 on D-cell battery pack which still has some current in it.

17790 is 63 degrees from OMAN at 13-14 only, BBCWS in English. We know it will be overlapped by WRMI well before 1400 with Radio Africa's nondescript ``interval signal`` emanating from Okeechobee at 87 degrees toward Equatorial Guinea (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. NEPAL [non]. BBC World Service extra ENGLISH transmissions to Nepal following earthquake:
English 0000-0030 on 9540 (Singapore) & 5895 (Thailand)

and broadcasts in NEPALI:

0130-0145 on 11995 & 15510 (both from Thailand)
1500-1600 on 9650 (Singapore) & 5895 (Thailand)

(thanks to Mark Hattam on WRTH - World Radio Tv Handbook Facebook Group for this news) Posted by: ("Alan Pennington", April 27, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

In English it was actually from 2300 to 0000 on 9540. Started at 2300 on 5895 too although I didn't listen to the end to check closedown time. Recording from 9540
<https://clyp.it/cj0kv0dx>
(Stephen Cooper, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

9540 - BBC, Singapore heard at 2338 with extra service to Nepal. Normal World Service programs with report on medical care. Signal fair but plenty of flutter and moderate static. Barely listenable. 5895 (Thailand) also heard with much weaker signal (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., Perseus SDR, 25 x 50 variable terminated (S/W) Superloop antenna, April 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's very regrettable that only in a tragedy does BBC WS put on transmissions to these areas and only when such as mobile phones etc, are out of service do they admit short-wave is more reliable. However, all our sympathy and help must go to those suffering (Rog Parsons, (BDXC 782), Hinckley LE10 0NJ, UK, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

I think it is also questionable that such transmissions are really useful, that is listened to, outside of a regular schedule (Stefano Inviato dal mio dispositivo Samsung, Italy, ibid.)

Do bear in mind, Stefano, the special relationship between UK and Nepal because of the Royal Gurkha Rifles; in the main public park in Nuneaton (Warwickshire), 3.5 miles from my home, we have a large commemorative memorial to these brave men who fought as part of the British Army in front line action against the Japanese in WW2 and who have a barracks about 4 miles from here. Regardless of the recent political and royal family upsets of the Nepalese, those who have ever visited there from Britain have strong regard for the people, so perhaps it's only right to make what is after all only token additional radio programming.

Incidentally, though only a LPAM station, BFBS Gurkha Radio on 1134 kHz broadcasts in Nepali from Gamecock Barracks, Bramcote and though only 1 watt makes a range of 7 miles from the army base serving Nuneaton town and west Hinckley easily.
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/nepal/11566969/British-Army-Gurkha-engineers-to-fly-to-Nepal-earthquake-zone.html>
Best Regards, 73's (Rog Parsons (BDXC 782), Hinckley. LE10 0NJ)

location 52.534363, -1.407446 ibid.)

Thank you, Rog, for your mail. I only wanted to say that such "emergency" services (there also was one recently to Liberia for Ebola) would be much more efficient, in my opinion, if they were included in regular shortwave services directed to the concerned areas. We were advised of times and frequencies of such special transmissions by WORTH alerts and mailing lists, but such information may not have easily reached those distressed populations. Normal use of shortwave/mediumwave would be useful for a more efficient use of those media in time of emergency. Best of 73, (Stefano, ibid.)

Re: [BDXC-UK] BBC WS extra transmissions to Nepal

Press release on this issued this morning. The English shortwave broadcasts are an extension of the BBCWS shortwave service already being broadcast to the region.

The Nepali programmes will also be broadcast on local partner stations, I don't know whether they had been carrying the BBC Nepali service programmes prior to the earthquake.

BBC - BBC World Service broadcasts Lifeline programmes in Nepal - Media centre

In response to the aftermath of the earthquake in Nepal, the BBC World Service is now broadcasting additional programming on shortwave in both Nepalese and in English.

View on
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2015/world-service-nepal>
(Mike Barraclough, ibid.)

The BBC Press Release has different times for the extended English shortwave broadcasts than the original posting, viz.:

"The availability of World Service English on short wave to Northern India and Nepal has been extended with the service now starting one hour earlier than normal at 2300 GMT.

Additional frequencies for World Service in English (to S Asia) from 2300 GMT to 2400 GMT [not 0000-0030 UT]
5895 kHz (49 metre band)
9540 kHz (31 metre band)

From 0000 GMT the broadcasts continue as normal on 12095, 9410 and 5970 kHz" (Alan Pennington, ibid.)

The BBC Media Action team were taking action and making contact with the locals shortly after the earthquake, see this account.

Nepal Earthquake: sharing life-saving information during a crisis

Kirsty Cockburn was working in Nepal when the 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck. Within a few hours of the disaster, BBC Media Action's team in Nepal were working with BBC World Service's Nepali Service to broadcast life-saving information. View on www.bbc.co.uk
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2015/world-service-nepal>

Their Nepal page is here and inviting donations.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediaaction/where-we-work/asia/nepal/earthquake>

Their Facebook page is public.

"We're on the ground in Nepal, getting life-saving information out to those in need through a daily radio programme on 300 FM stations. In times of crisis, reliable and accurate information can save lives and give back hope."
<https://www.facebook.com/bbcnepaliservice>

"BBC Nepali is covering the latest news about earthquake relief and recovery from 8.45pm tonight on 103 FM in Kathmandu. It's followed by a BBC Media Action produced 'Lifeline' program at 9.15pm with up-to-date information on water access and other emergency information. Please share."

BBC Media Action
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/bbcmediaaction/entries/f23f710f-3cd7-46da-b7a1-565174d6e10c>
We are the BBC's international development charity, using media to improve health and help people...
(Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

BBC World Service broadcasts Lifeline programmes in Nepal

Information is vital and we are doing all we can to make sure that our audiences in the affected areas receive their local and regional news.

Liliane Landor, Controller, World Service Languages
Date: 28.04.2015 Last updated: 28.04.2015 at 09.59

Category: World Service

In response to the aftermath of the earthquake in Nepal, the BBC World Service is now broadcasting additional programming on shortwave in both Nepalese and in English.

BBC Media Action - the BBC's international development charity - is working with the Nepali Service on BBC World Service (radio and online) and local partner radio stations to broadcast 'lifeline' programming.

Liliane Landor, Controller of World Service Languages, says:
'Information is vital and we are doing all we can to make sure that our audiences in the affected areas receive their local and regional news as well as 'lifeline' programming designed to give practical information to help deal with the aftermath of the earthquake.'

The Nepali language programme is available on shortwave as follows:

Nepali dawn transmission (0130-0145 GMT)
11995 kHz (25 metre band)
15510 kHz (19 metre band)

Nepali evening transmission (1500-1600 GMT)
9650 kHz (31 metre band)
5895 kHz (49 metre band)

The availability of World Service English on short wave to Northern India and Nepal has been extended with the service now starting one hour earlier than normal at 2300 GMT.

Additional frequencies for World Service in English (to S Asia) from 2300 to 2400 GMT
5895 kHz (49 metre band)
9540 kHz (31 metre band)

From 0000 GMT the broadcasts continue as normal on 12095, 9410 and 5970 kHz (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, April 28, DXLD)

BBC NEPALI EARTHQUAKE LIFELINE PUBLIC CHAT CHANNEL LAUNCHES ON VIBER

30 April 2015. A BBC Nepali channel has been launched on the instant messaging and calling app, Viber, to deliver public service and emergency information in Nepalese and English. The service, produced by BBC Nepali in collaboration with the BBC's international development charity, BBC Media Action and BBC Monitoring, is aimed at those affected by the devastating earthquake, in the region or elsewhere in the world.

The BBC Nepali account <http://viber.com/bbcnepali> on the 'Public Chats' feature within Viber will help maximise the reach of vital information in the aftermath of the quake that has left thousands dead and many more injured or displaced. The channel offers daily updates in text and images, with lifeline public service information on the

latest situation in the country, including details of relief efforts, rescue services and safety information.

BBC World Service Controller of Languages, Liliane Landor, comments: iBBC World Service has been a global leader in the innovative use of chat apps over the past year. We have a successful ongoing Ebola WhatsApp service for people in West Africa, and we are using a lot of the expertise and experience from that project to launch this latest initiative on Viber. It is vital that we do all we can to get potentially life-saving and critical information to all those affected by the earthquake, across all the platforms at our disposal. Our partnership with Viber will allow us to reach many of these people directly through their mobile phones.

In response to the aftermath of the earthquake in Nepal, BBC World Service is broadcasting news and additional lifeline programming on FM and shortwave in Nepalese (11995, 15510, 9650 and 5895 kHz) and in English (5895 and 9540 kHz). BBC Media Action is working with BBC Nepali and local partner radio stations in Nepal to broadcast the BBC's special lifeline programming.

The BBC Nepali radio programming is available for listening via the website, <http://bbcnepali.com> on BBC 103FM in Kathmandu (which also airs BBC World Service's global English radio programming) and via more than 260 FM stations across the country. The BBC Nepali Facebook page has 1.7 million likes. BBC Nepali is part of BBC World Service. Ends/

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** U S A. ARMED FORCES DAY CROSSBAND TEST 9-10 MAY
<http://www.eham.net/articles/34442>

The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual military/amateur radio communications tests in celebration of Armed Forces Day (AFD) and the 90th Anniversary of MARS. Although the actual Armed Forces Day is celebrated on Saturday, May 16, 2015, the AFD Military/Amateur Cross band Communications Test will be conducted 09-10 May 2015 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention on 15-17 May 2015.

This annual event is a unique opportunity to test two way communications between Amateurs and military stations as authorized in 47 CFR 97.111, and features traditional military to amateur cross band SSB voice, Morse Code, and legacy interoperability waveforms. New for this year's event, Amateur Radio stations may try their hand at using

more modern military communications modes such as MIL-STD Serial PSK. Also new for this year is the cross band Automatic Link Establishment (ALE) test.

This annual event gives Amateur Radio operators and Short Wave Listeners (SWL) an opportunity and a challenge to demonstrate their individual technical skills, and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to those stations making contact with the military stations.

Amateur Radio stations and Short Wave Listeners that are interested in trying the MIL-STD Serial PSK mode can download the software program called iMS-DMT from site:

http://www.n2ckh.com/MARS_ALE_FORUM/MSDMT.html.

For a complete listing of participating military stations, operating modes, and times of operation, go to:

<http://www.usarmymars.org/home/announcements> or the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HQArmyMARS?ref=hl>

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, Spain, April 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

Horarios y frecuencia , Test Día Fuerzas Armadas USA

<http://docs.google.com/viewer?>

[a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXhcm15bWYyc3BvcnRhbnRhbHxneDpmOWNiYjk1YWQxN2YxNjA](http://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXhcm15bWYyc3BvcnRhbnRhbHxneDpmOWNiYjk1YWQxN2YxNjA)

(Romero, ibid.)

This reminds me: all the MARS nets I run across appear to be purely domestic within the USA. In the good old days, MARS was a vital communications means between military and family back in the states, via phone patches from remote overseas locations. While this may no longer be necessary, are there still any MARS operations overseas?? If so, what kind of callsigns do they use and can they be distinguished from domestic operators? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Answering my question replying to the previous post, the only foreign station listed in this exercise is ADB in Okinawa (beyond Guam). What about all our other overseas bases?? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13564, April 23 at 1350, HIFER beacon GNK is audible with slow CW IDs, fading out and in to fully readable peaks. Rechecking the LWCA HIFER list,

<http://www.lwca.org/sitepage/part15/index.htm>

for the frequency of GNK, Madison WI, it's shown as 13563.99 ---

More importantly I see that my previous unID is now identified!
V1RG0/B is in East Haven CT, 13562~, 7 wpm CW.

Meanwhile, missing from this list is K6FRC in California, which I recently heard again (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13563.5, approx., April 24 at 0133, can barely make out the Madison WI HIFER beacon with continuous slow CW ID as GNK, vs CODAR and ISM hash, on the PL-880 but not on the DX-398. No other beacons audible on the band at this time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13557, April 25 at 0215, HIFER beacon MTI is JBA. Haven't heard him in a while: Stone Mountain, GA, 5 wpm per the LWCA list, on 13557.54. Any others audible now? Yes, on the hi side of the ISM blob:

13564, April 25 at 0217, HIFER beacon GNK with much stronger signal than MTI; easy copy without strain, from Madison WI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. A MARKET-BASED STRATEGY OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING | USC Center on Public Diplomacy --- by Kim Elliott:
<http://uscpublicdiplomacy.org/blog/market-based-strategy-international-broadcasting>
(Kim Elliott, April 25, dxldyg via DXLD) See also RUSSIA [and non]

** U S A [and non]. BBG Survey, a lot of internal details of the operation of the IBB systems in recent years.

Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) Operations and Stations Division (T/EOS) Monthly Reports, of 2011 - 2014, see under link
<http://www.governmentattic.org/13docs/BBG-TEOSreports_2011-2014.pdf>

some interesting items, like:

Disposal of the Delano transmitting station

Disposal of site A, Greenville transmitting station.

The Kuwait Transmitting Station reports that in January {2014}:
The big event of the month was the arrival and unloading of sixteen (16) forty-foot containers with the remains of four old rhombic antennas that were disassembled and removed from IBB Greenville's Site A. These antenna components will be used to install additional shortwave antennas at the station to increase its coverage capabilities.

Botswana transmitting station report

Biblis / Lampertheim Germany transmitting stations.

{LW Erching site.} New Obligation Authority for M&R was budgeted to be derived from the proceeds of sale of Erching site in Bavaria Germany, [ex LW 173 kHz VOA / RIAS Berlin site, 2 x 500 / 1000 kW beast in 1953 til late 70ties, then leased by Deutschlandfunk program in 1977-1987 on 209 kHz, 500 kW]

former 205 meter single mast at 48 18 11.33 N 11 43 13.80 E
<<http://mw2.google.com/mw-panoramio/photos/medium/73072415.jpg>> }
TX house at 48 17 56.73 N 11 42 59.38 E

LW site Erching Sale:

BBG is seriously considering proposals from two different bidders that involve dividing the property into separate plots and selling the plots to those bidders. TSI Office Director will initiate discussions on April 7 {2011} with the two bidders under consideration. Meanwhile, work continues on a draft agreement between BBG, DT and the Freising Authority with respect to the cleanup roles and responsibilities.

The agreement is under review by the respective lawyers. The cleanup affects a small plot of land that may be leased while the cleanup work is in progress.

{later} On March 29, 2011, we received an attractive new offer from ... a prospective buyer, for the whole Erching property. Property information was provided to her and discussions started on a possible sale. She had expressed concerns about the soil contamination and raised other issues, which have been addressed.

BBG is now in the process of making a counter offer that will be valid until May 27, 2011, provided that ... buys the property "as is" with no conditions attached.

As part of this deal, BBG will assign any claims that BBG may have against Deutsche Telekom (DT) regarding the ground cleanup. We are cautiously optimistic about the prospects for this offer being accepted.

{later} On June 16, ... accepted our final offer for her to purchase the Erching property "as is" for 4.3 million EURs, provided we successfully conclude a Sale and Purchase agreement (SPA).

A revised SPA was sent to her on June 29. As part of this deal, BBG will assign any claims that BBG may have against Deutsche Telekom (DT) regarding the ground cleanup. The test phase of the ground cleanup is progressing slowly, and it could impact the sale. However, we are

cautiously optimistic.

{later} On August 9, 2011, the IBB property located in Erching, {Bavaria, north-east of Munich and Ismaning location} Germany was sold to ..., a German entrepreneur, for the sum of 4.3 Million EURO, or approximately \$6.13 Million. TSI Director Andr  Mendes traveled to Germany for the signing of the sale and purchase agreement.

A certified check for the proceeds will be available as soon as German authorities have completed the required processes. Congratulations to everyone who had a role in this major accomplishment.

Due to the ongoing jamming of IBB satellite signals, station staff was active day and night identifying interfering carriers on different satellites. The most frequently jammed satellites were W3A, Nilesat, AB4 and Hotbird.

In Tajikistan, the new low voltage regulator for the Thales MW transmitter was delivered to the site on February 05, 2011. Due to the excellent support provided by the local staff, the installation of the voltage regulator was finished on February 08, 2011.

{Sept 2011y} At the end of the month, station staff departed Lampertheim for a two - week maintenance trip to Tajikistan/Orzu site. The goal of this trip was to maintain and service both the medium wave and shortwave transmitters at Orzu.

At Khost {Afghanistan, MW 621 kHz}, the installation of a full redundant monitoring system was finished and is in operation. Both the AM and FM transmitters are observed now by two independent systems.

Parts needed for the Thal s MW transmitter in Djibouti were shipped from Lampertheim to the site.

The parts included one encoder board, which was needed urgently to support full power operation of the 600 kW MW transmitter at the PK-12 site {MW Dorale 1431 kHz}.

Since the encoder board failed, the transmitter has been operating with one of the two power blocks (i.e. at half power).

{Nov 2011y} Station technicians worked to restore and repair all the solid - state modulators (SSM) that had been damaged during the fire in the shortwave transmitter at RTD's Dorale station in Djibouti. In support of this effort, the Lampertheim staff manufactured new components or repaired the damaged components. All modules were tested in Lampertheim transmitters, and the station is confident that all components will operate after being installed in Djibouti.

Two members of the Lampertheim station's staff t (...) restored to operations the Continental SW transmitter at RTD Dorale, which had been damaged by fire.

IBB Kuwait turned over technical support duties for the Djibouti MW 1431 kHz Station to IBB Germany. This change was decided during last year's Manager's Conference in Washington because Germany already maintains the same make and model of Thales transmitter in {Capo Greco} Cyprus and {Orzu} Tajikistan. This change will result in better technical support and efficiencies in replacement parts and maintenance.

{June 2012} In Orzu Tajikistan, the Continental SW transmitter {? DB-13} went out of service after a heavy power fluctuation, damaged the tuning capacitor. To make the installation possible, IBB Germany provided technical drawings to fabricate an adapter for the installation of this capacitor. The reassembling of the PA stage was finished shortly before engineers from Germany arrived on site. The engineers inspected the transmitter and performed a complete initial setup. The transmitter is now back in service.

A representative from Teleradiocom, General Director ..., and the IBB representative Transmitting Station Manager ... signed an agreement that will cut the cost of the IBB operations in Tajikistan. While in Germany, ... also visited the Germany Transmitting Station and was briefed on station operations and the IBB mission. As a result of this agreement, the preparatory work for the installation of a second Continental SW transmitter in Tajikistan was started.

{May 2013} In Tajikistan, three members of the Lampertheim staff spent two weeks working with Teleradiocom staff on the installation of the second Continental SW transmitter.

Tajikistan Support at Orzu: The TRK staff continued their work on installation of the second Continental SW transmitter.

In Cyprus {MW Capo Greco 990 kHz 600 kW 134degr}, the contractor started the structural remediation work on the MW antenna. By the end of the month, work on tower #1 was completed, with 20 sets of new structural strengthening bracings installed. While the structural work was being done, the transmitter was off the air.

Kuwait transmitting station{s}

observed many scattered satellite jamming episodes during February {2011}. Not only was jamming of PNN and Radio Farda by Iran observed, but for the first time we also observed scattered jamming by an

unknown source of some Al Hurra TV and Radio Sawa Arabic services. The increase in jamming activity, especially on the Arabic services, is no doubt related to the current unrest in the region.

The local contractor completed installing vinyl fencing around the 7-tower 1548 kHz MW array, which allowed the station to resume 24/7 MW operations.

The rotatable shortwave antenna {by Thales / Ampegon} began experiencing capacitor positioning errors during tuning, mainly due to the harsh environment here. Station radio technicians performed unscheduled maintenance to manually clean and lubricate all moving parts to bring the antenna's performance back to factory specifications.

On April 17th {2011}, Radio Kuwait's Station Manager, visited to discuss various issues related to implementing the IBB Kuwait / Radio Kuwait Shortwave Sharing Agreement.

In connection with that agreement, IBB Kuwait Technicians visited the Radio Kuwait site on the 21st to conduct an STL (Studio Transmitter Link) path test between our two respective transmitting plants. Using surplus IBB 172 MHz digital link equipment, the station was able to establish a solid 2-channel, line-of-site 44 kilometer VHF path from our station to Radio Kuwait's HF transmitting station {at Kabd}. Once the agreement is signed and implemented, we will be able to send two locally-switched program feeds to Radio Kuwait for BBG broadcasts over their transmitters.

{later} The Station Manager met with Undersecretary of the Ministry of Information, ..., and management personnel from Radio Kuwait concerning the long-proposed IBB Kuwait / Radio Kuwait shortwave swapping agreement.

The big story for the month concerned Djibouti operations and support.

The Djibouti MW transmitter has been operating on half-power for a couple of months while the shipment of replacement parts has been hindered by vendor back-orders and misdirected shipments. In the first half of the month, Thales engineers arrived in Djibouti from France to convert the ThalÈs MW transmitter over to AMC modulation and provide specialized technical training for the staff.

Fortunately, all the necessary spare parts arrived just in time to support the effort. By the last week of October {2011y}, the transmitter was operating again on full power and in the AMC mode.

At another RTD site, a 100 kW IBB-provided SW transmitter {RTD 4780

kHz} suffered a fire in the solid - state modulator section. RTD has requested IBB assistance to restore it. Unfortunately, we were unable to get any IBB TDY travelers into Djibouti this month because the U.S. Embassy was moving to a new location and refused Country Clearances, stating they could not support any TDY travelers until November. In the meantime, we directed RTD to prepare all their modulator boards for shipment to IBB Germany for repairs and refurbishment. Once Germany completes that work, they will send a team to Djibouti to rehabilitate the transmitter.

{Jan 2013} Painting work on the towers of the KWT-A 1548 kHz MW array continued during the month with a daily allotted off-the-air work window between 0400-1300 UTC. ... The contractor requires 16 good working days to complete each tower. ... At the end of January, the first tower of the seven was completed. By February month's end, three of the seven towers were complete.

The good weather also permitted the contractor to complete the painting of the seven-tower 1548 kHz MW antenna array {in May}. With that work completed, the KWT-A transmitter resumed 24/7 operations.

{April 2013} The Station implemented the new A13 satellite and broadcast schedules without difficulties. Most notable in the changes were the reconfiguration of our MW operations.

The 24/7 hrs/d Radio Sawa "Iraq" feed was transferred from the 1548 kHz KWT-A transmitter to KWT-C which broadcasts on 1593 kHz. The seven-tower antenna array of KWT-A was switched around to the 197 degree pattern and began broadcasting the Radio Sawa "Gulf" program feed towards Saudi Arabia and points south.

{May 2013} This month, the station prepared two ocean containers for out-bound shipping. One contains assorted MW antenna components and hardware which are being shipped to RTD Djibouti. These items were part of the old Holzkirchen, Germany MW 720/1593 antenna array which was previously shipped to Kuwait for storage.

The second container is packed full of fabricated tower braces and rigging gear which will be shipped to Cyprus in support of a M&R project to service the MW antenna towers at the Cape Greco Radio Station, a BBG subsidiary operation.

Tinian/Saipan northern Marianas transmitting station.

Tinian operations are now being remotely controlled from the Philippines during the overnight shift, which has eliminated the need for local operators to be on duty during this period.

Paint Antenna Towers: In September 2009, a contractor named Seafix, who is based in Saipan, was awarded the \$967,000 contract to paint five antenna towers at the Saipan site and thirteen antenna towers at the Tinian transmitting site for corrosion control. To date, all antenna towers at the Saipan site have been painted. The modification work to paint zinc coating on safety climbing cables was completed in early August.

The base contract work to paint antenna towers at the Tinian site began in early December, following the end of the rainy season.

Tinang / Poro Point Philippines transmitting station Station personnel replaced a damaged ASIAsat dish at the VOA Radio Affiliate DWLU, San Fernando La Union {Poro Point, former 1143 / 1170 kHz MW plant}.

Transmitter PHT-5 was returned to service in July, which completes the installation of the four (4) ABB/BBC transmitters received from the Delano Transmitting Station.

São Tomé transmitting station

Iranawila Sri Lanka transmitting station

Udon Thani/Ban Dung and Bangkok Ayutthaya Phachi Thailand transmitting stations.

The year ended with the failure of one of three power feeder lines between the sub-station and the MW transmitter hall at the Bangkok {Ayutthaya Phachi} transmitter plant. The timing could not have been worse, but the staff was able to enact temporary repairs to restore the transmitter to service in time for the New Year holiday weekend.

<www.governmentattic.org/13docs/BBG-TEOSreports_2011-2014.pdf>
(BBG, 24 Oct 2014, via BC-DX 26 April via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. IBB changes:

Radio Farda

1500-2400 5865 KWT 250 kW / 058 deg WeAs Persian, additional frequency
Voice of America Afia Darfur

1900-1930 9470 SAO 100 kW / 052 deg SDN Arabic, ex 9815 // 9775,11615
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/ibb-changes_26.html

(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015 via DXLD)

Frequency changes of Radio Free Asia and Voice of America:

Radio Free Asia

1230-1330 NF 7530 IRA 250 kW / 057 deg to SEAs Burmese, ex 7390

1330-1430 NF 7530 TIN 125 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Burmese, ex 7390

1300-1400 NF 15275 DB 250 kW / 110 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 15265
1500-1700 NF 11855 TIN 250 kW / 329 deg to EaAs Korean, ex 7210
2100-2200 NF 9685 KWT 250 kW / 070 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 9690
2100-2200 NF 9700 TIN 250 kW / 329 deg to EaAs Korean, ex 9610

Voice of America

1100-1130 NF 17740 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg to WCAf French Sat, ex 13735
2330-0030 NF 6040 UDO 250 kW / 280 deg to SEAs Burmese, ex 6185
2330-0030 NF 12110 PHT 250 kW / 270 deg to SEAs Burmese, ex 9325
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/frequency-changes-of-radio-free-asia.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, April 28, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Full A15 sked of VOA and affiliate stations:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/voice-of-america-radio-ashna-radio.html>

Full A 15 sked of RFE/RL and affiliate stations:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/radio-liberty-radio-farda-radio-free.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 9885, VOA, Greenville. A new transmitter for this time ex ñ Selebi. Fair reception of a French discussion, although quite a few short transmission breaks between 0610ñ0615 on 21/4 (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom R75, Realistic DX-160, Longwire), May ADXN via DXLD)

13650-13690, April 27 at 2129, VOA YDD sign-on is splattering over this range from central 13670 Greenville; 2130 opening Bambara; also on // 15120 very strong but not splattering, which had been open carrier several minutes earlier. Both are 250 kW, 94 degrees from Greenville, ideal for solid coverage of central USA off the back. Any Okie-Bambaras? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1770 monitoring: confirmed Thursday April 23 at 2100 not only on scheduled 7570 WRMI, which is JBA in noise level, but also on much better // 15770, altho schedule continues to show 7570 only at this time. So we need to continue checking both, such as at next airing on WRMI, Friday 2130.

Meanwhile, WRMI has put up a new program schedule grid for 9955 as of April 22, showing WOR is no longer at 1230 on Thursdays, so if I had tuned in a few minutes earlier April 23, I should have heard R. Slovakia International instead, now at 1230-1300 M-F, with WOR shifted an hour earlier to 1130 Thursdays. Other airings remain the same, but some other programs and DX programs will have been moved around, and there may be additional changes. Next WORs on SW:

Fri 2130 WRMI 7570 and/or 15770
 Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM
 Sun 0315v WA0RCR 1860-AM
 Sun 2100 WRMI 15770
 Sun 2300 WRMI 11580
 Mon 0300v WBCQ 5110v Area 51
 Tue 1100 WRMI 9955
 Wed 1315 WRMI 9955
 Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v

U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1770 monitoring: whatever the program schedules may show appended to the WRMI graphic frequency schedule, the Friday April 24 broadcast at 2130.5 was on both 7570 and 15770, just as it had been for months, not on 7570 only, and we are glad this is so, since 7570 is sinking into the noise level, much worse than 15770.

Next:

Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM
 Sun 0315v WA0RCR 1860-AM
 Sun 2100 WRMI 15770
 Sun 2300 WRMI 11580
 Mon 0300v WBCQ 5110v Area 51
 Tue 1100 WRMI 9955
 Wed 1315 WRMI 9955
 Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1770 monitoring: confirmed UT Sunday April 26 at 0316 on WA0RCR, Wentzville MO. Now on second item about Australia, so maybe started a minute or two before 0315v. Steady signal, and audibility depends on evading local noise sources. Next:

Sun 2100 WRMI 15770
 Sun 2300 WRMI 11580
 Mon 0300v WBCQ 5110v Area 51
 Tue 1100 WRMI 9955
 Wed 1315 WRMI 9955
 Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v
 Thu 1130 WRMI 9955 [or 1771 if ready in time; ex-1230]

WORLD OF RADIO 1770 monitoring: Sunday April 26 at 2100, WRMI schedule shows WOR on 15770 and it has been for a couple weeks, but this time not, nor on 7570 which is sometimes duplicative. 'End Times Coming' is // on both. But WOR 1770 confirmed Sunday April 26 at 2300 on WRMI 11580. And WOR 1770 confirmed on Area 51 webcast, and presumably WBCQ 5110-CUSB, UT Monday April 27 at 0301. Next:

Tue 1100 WRMI 9955
 Wed 1315 WRMI 9955
 Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v
 Thu 1130 WRMI 9955 [or 1771; new time ex-1230!]
 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1770 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday April 29 at 1315 on WRMI 9955, sufficient and no QRM. Next:

Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v

Thu 1130 WRMI 9955 [or 1771; new time ex-1230!]

WORLD OF RADIO 1770 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday April 29 at 2100 on WBCQ webcast; barely audible by 2126 in noise level on 7490.

WOR 1771 will not be ready until later on Thursday, in time for the 2100 broadcast on WRMI 7570 and/or 15770; which means 1770 will get to repeat on 9955 April 30 at 1130.

WORLD OF RADIO 1771 monitoring: confirmed first SW broadcast Thursday April 30 at 2100 on WRMI 7570 (but not 15770, something else). 7570 is poorly audible in noise level. I have suggested to Jeff that the 21-22 UT programs on 7570 need to be on a much higher band in the summer, such as 13 MHz; WRMI hasn't been on that band since initially employing 13695 for TOM. Next:

Fri 2130 WRMI 15770 and maybe 7570

Sat 0630 HLR 7265-CUSB [resuming after maintenance break]

Sat 1430 HLR 7265-CUSB

Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM

Sun 0315v WA0RCR 1860-AM

Sun 2100 WRMI 15770 [? But not last week. Check 7570 too]

Sun 2300 WRMI 11580

Mon 0300v WBCQ 5110v Area 51 [but 5110 has been off the air]

Tue 1100 WRMI 9955

Wed 0630 HLR 7265-CUSB

Wed 1315 WRMI 9955

Wed 1430 HLR 7265-CUSB

Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11825, Saturday April 25 at 2308, rock music, so Global 24 via WRMI is still on with 'Rock Pile'; and much weaker 5850 is also on at 2308 with 'Democracy Now', no doubt old shows. Did not check during the first hour 22-23 UT.

11825 at 0047 check UT Sunday April 26 in 'Blues Radio International'. At 0101 presumably FSN with Olds, i.e. about home of German suicidal/mass murdering pilot raided in D,sseldorf, gas explosion destroys buildings in East Village, NYC; Yemen president arrives in Saudi Arabia for asylum. That puts it from MARCH 26, now a month old!! 0105 Bonito Radio Jet ad, available from Universal and other vendors of high-end radio products. (But what is it? Sounded like Benito, but universal-radio.com lists lots of Bonito software, nothing named jet

hit on searching.)

0105 opening 'Travel with Rick Steves' and it's the same old program too, ``leading up to Easter``, and policy changes easing American travel restrictions to Cuba.

11825, Sunday April 26 at 2338, quick check of Global 24 via WRMI: jazz, so 'From the Left', while 5850 is yet again playing an old 'Democracy Now' episode (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As of late April, Global 24 Radio announced the following on their site at <http://global24radio.com> : "We are looking to resume regular operations on May 1st with a new schedule. We intend to broadcast several of our most popular programs again in addition to a few new programs.

"Programs included in our May 1st schedule:

Jazz from the Left

The Rock Pile

Dialogos Media

World of Radio

Wavescan

Classics and Beyond

News (Several Sources including Democracy Now!)

Travel with Rick Steves"

(Joe Robinson, Helping Hand, May ODXA Listening In via DXLD)

On April 29 I try to find the above on G24 website or Facebook or Twitter, and cannot (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well it's been weeks not that Global 24 Radio has posted anything. In the last 14 days programmers who are owed money said they might seek legal action against Jeff Demers. A rough estimate of money owed to program producers and relays is in excess of over 30,000 USD. All emails to Demers from various people have gone unanswered (Keith Perron, April 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11920, April 26 at 0124, Greek music, must be filler on WRMI instead of scheduled F-mily Radio in Spanish this hour. No, not // 9420!

11920, April 29 at 0112, typical WRMI fado music fill is playing, so once again, no F-mily Radio in Spanish as supposedly scheduled during this hour.

11920, April 30 at 0142, WRMI with Cajun music, 0143 Brazilian song, 0152 the polka we have heard so many times as part of WRMI's fill-music medley; 0159 ID by no-name Spanish announcer claiming this frequency is ``9955``, 0200 into RTI Spanish relay. This is the third

night recently I have heard fill music during the 01-02 hour on 11920 rather than Family Radio, and it may well be thus every night.

7730, then at 0201 April 30 I check this other hour which is supposed to be FSI in Spanish, and it too is running fill music, this time another piece we've heard before, with spoken segments about the Council of Europe, in English, French, German, mixed with Beethovenish music which morphs into rap, shudder. Have Oakland lost interest in the limited access they had retained to their ex-SW Okeechobee? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Family Radio hat seine Webpr%senz neu gestartet. Statt <http://www.familyradio.com> soll man jetzt <http://www.familyradio.org> als Einstiegsseiten verwenden. Offenbar hat man die vielen, im Vorfeld von Harold Campings falsch prophezeiten Weltende stark ausgebauten Fremdsprachenprogramme durchgearbeitet und neu zusammengestellt, denn unter <http://www.familyradio.org/languages/> findet man ein umfangreiches Angebot, darunter auch <http://international1.familyradio.org/de/> die klassische Bibellese und 242 Sendestunden in Deutsch (Dr. Hansj^rg Biener, ntt aktuell Mai 2015 via DXLD)

FR relaunched its web presence with a .org site instead of .com (gh)

** U S A. Am 24.04.2015 um 19:34 schrieb VOA Radiogram:

WRMI, Radio Miami International, will transmit digital IDs this weekend. I would especially appreciate recordings of the Olivia 32-2000 during poor reception conditions. Reports to Jeff: info@wrmi.net
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Olivia broadcasts are at a time where a reception of WRMI in Europe is pretty good. But I guess - I do not live in the primary target area
..... ; -)

http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/VoA_Radiogram_2015-04-25.htm
(roger, Germany, April 26, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 7490, WBCQ, Monticello ME. At 2120 with a long discourse of the medical problems between two men on a talkback program (the announcer was Allan WeinerÖ.I think!) - Grossly overdetailed and totally unnecessary - but very entertaining. Then they ambled over to world politics and conquered all those problems in about 10 minutes, too! A high level of opinionated BS was noted in the discussion!! I don't hear this station very often here; possibly a good thing, too!! If I started listening to too much of this stuff, I possibly end up believing some of this crap!! Funny stuff! Fair signal in LSB to avoid R. Algerienne via Issoudun on 7495, 2/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Yaesu FT DX 3000, Kenwood TS2000,

Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May ADXN via DXLD)

That was a Thursday during the semihour which had been carrying WORLD OF RADIO, but canceled months ago without notice, yet WOR never removed from the Annotated Program Schedule:

<http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=sked&freq=7490>

I long ago quit checking in case WOR would resume. I doubt it was Allan Weiner himself; there was some paid program which initially replaced WOR but I don't remember what (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5110, April 30 at 0136, WBCQ is still missing like last night [see SOUTH CAROLINA [non]]. I hope it's just because Brother Scare pulled out again, rather than a transmitter failure which would also impact Area 51 this weekend (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. My first look thru the WRTN A-15 update file provokes these comments/corrections:

``WBCQ ñ THE PLANET

kHz: 5110, 7490, 9330, 15420

Summer Schedule 2015

English Days Area kHz

0000-0100 s. NAm,CAm 9330bcq*

1700-2100 daily NAm,CAm 15420bcq*

2000-0400 daily NAm,CAm 7490bcq**

2100-2200 s NAm,CAm 15420bcq*

2200-2300 mtwtf.. NAm,CAm 9330bcq*

2300-0500 ss NAm,CAm 5110bcq**

Key: * H3E (AM/U) mode; ** Including Overcomer Ministry 0100-0300; Û Irregular.``

Both 15420 and 9330 have been missing for several weeks. 5110 is also currently off the air (Glenn Hauser, April 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
Later: 5110 heard weakly on weekend (gh)

** U S A. 12105, April 24 at 0117, WTTW-3 is on with laughter during a PPP sermon, but WTTW-1 and WTTW-2 are nowhere to be heard on 9475, 5830, 9930 or 5085. #2 is usually off, but #1 is usually on.

5085, April 26 at 0118, WTTW-2 has been turned on, so Ted can ramble on a `QSO` show. I see that registration for this has been changed to start as early as 0000, so maybe will avoid 9925 KBC which moves there next Saturday night from 7375, by WTTW not using 9930 after 0000, if it is ever on at all again.

5085, April 29 at 0102, WTTW-2 is on with country music, then Ted-in-a-barrel ID, 0103 brings up 'Radio Roundtable' from W5KUB.com an online program with video and chat, now adding SW and he thinks, but is not sure, the frequency is 5085. Also is down in a barrel as Ted runs everything thru reverb chamber. Host says he wants to includes segments about SWL and invites listener requests. This is a weekly show UT Wednesdays only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5890, April 24 at 0539, blessed open carrier/dead air instead of BS via WWCN; by 0545, the quack is baaaack.

5890, April 29 at 0552, open carrier/dead air from WWCN instead of Brother HySTAIRical, what a relief. Turning up the volume, JBA bleed modulation from 5935 is detectable, even with max ATT, so not due to FRG-7 receiver overload (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505.4, April 25 at 0233 as I tune in, ``We're 75-05, WRNO Worldwide`` and music. No we aren't! Considerable distortion too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

(Louisiana): WRNO Worldwide kann mit einer Kernzeit 0100-0400 Uhr etwas oberhalb von 7505 kHz ("75-05") geh^rt werden. Ausgestrahlt werden zeitgen^ssische christliche Popmusik und teils durch ihren Jahresbezug (27. April: nach 3.00 Uhr: Verheifungen und Forderungen f_r 2013) veraltete Predigten. McAfee warnt immer noch vor der Website (Glenn Hauser 10.+12.4 DXLD off air, 18.4., Dr. Hansj^rg Biener 15., 27., 28.4. on air, Wolfgang B_schel 19.4.2015 on air BCDX via ntt aktuell Mai 2015 bei Prof. Dr. Hansj^rg Biener, Neulichtenhofstr. 7, DE 90461 N_rnberg, Hansjoerg_Biener @ yahoo.de via DXLD)

WRNO is broadcasting outdated sermons from 2013. McAfee always warns about its website, says he (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. 12050, April 27 at 1340, no signal from WEWN, but 11550 is on with Vatican relay in Spanish. After transmitter switcheroo:

13830, April 27 at 2130, no signal from WEWN Spanish but 12050 is on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WEWN-1 is off for a couple of days, WEWN-2/3 are on air. Full schedule WEWN-1

0000-0900 on 11520 EWN 250 kW / 085 deg to WeAf English

0900-1300 on 11520 EWN 250 kW / 355 deg to SEAs English

1300-1600 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 355 deg to SEAs English

1600-1900 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to N/ME English

1900-2400 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 085 deg to WeAf English

WEWN-2

0000-1000 on 11870 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm Spanish
1000-1700 on 12050 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm Spanish
1700-2400 on 13830 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm Spanish
WEWN-3
0000-0500 on 5810 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to MEX Spanish
0500-1300 on 7555 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to MEX Spanish
1300-1800 on 11550 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to MEX Spanish
1800-2400 on 12050 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to MEX Spanish
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/wewn-1-is-off-for-couple-of-days.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, April 29, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. /PALAU, Additional transmissions of World Harvest
Radio for A-15 season:
0700-0800 5920 HRI 100 kW / 315 deg WNAmerican English Mon-Sat WHRI Angel 6
1200-1300 15640 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg SEAs English Mon-Sat T8WH Angel 4
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/additional-transmissions-of-world_22.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015
via DXLD)

Wednesday, April 29, 2015
Upcoming changes of World Harvest Radio International

WHRI Angel 2
1900-2000 on 9495 HRI 250 kW / 173 deg CeAm English Sat, additional
WHRI Angel 6
1500-1600 NF 17765 HRI 100 kW / 315 deg WNAmerican English Sun, ex 17610
1900-2100 NF 17765 HRI 100 kW / 315 deg WNAmerican English Sun, ex 17610
2000-2100 NF 17765 HRI 100 kW / 315 deg WNAmerican English Sat, ex 17610
(Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. My first look thru the WORTH A-15 update file provokes these
comments/corrections:

``WWRB
kHz: 3195, 3215
Summer Schedule 2015
English Days Area kHz
0100-0400 daily NAm 3195wrbÜ
2300-0100 daily NAm 3215wrbÜ
Key: Ü Irregular.``

WWRB has not used 3195 in some time. It's on 3185. This entry also
misses 5050, but it is under OVERCOMER (Glenn Hauser, April 30, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 690, April 28 at 0650 UT, open carrier loops almost
east/west, sufficient quieting to tell it's there, i.e. KGGF

Coffeyville KS, still leaving carrier on all-night after ``sign-off`` circa 0500 UT following rotating patriotic songs and Taps (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 980, April 28 at 0614 UT, Spanish announcer is uttering a long list of AM and FM frequencies, towns in Texas mostly with Anglo names (like Livingston, but never any call letters), and then with ``cabina`` phone numbers, including for 980 and a different one for newly added 1590 in Houston market --- but he adds, don't call now, as nobody is there (no hay nadie) at 1590 or even on 980 itself, which is evidently really duplicating some FM station. Then reference to radioaleluya.org --- hope that's spelt right. Anyhow, 980 is KQUE, Rosenberg-Richmond TX (address in Pasadena), 5/4 kW U4, // KFTG 88.1 per NRC AM Log (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1020-, further check of the low audible heterodyne here, still with the absence of KOKP Perry OK (see previous reports under OKLAHOMA): April 28 at 0619 UT, the LAH is just about opposite to KDKA Pittsburgh, i.e. can't null one and get the other, so still pointing to KCKN Roswell NM; the two are within a few degrees of 180 apart from here. Copying anything depends on fades-up & down of each.

LAH, still pulsing, is on the low side: 1020- compared to KDKA which is surely close to 1020.00: it's in `Overnight America` show as host refers to Baltimore where it's on WBAL (1090). Now I am getting some Spanish? music from the LAH station. At 0641 UT recheck, the LAH station is atop, now with Spanish YL talk, maybe religious, or self-help, mentions ``abusos``, with phone 855-525-3302, repeated, or a toll number in AC 310. Reverse-lookups go nowhere. Is there any good site for that which will just display the info without charging for it? 0643 UT, it goes back to music, as KDKA is resurging. Recheck at 0659 UT, only getting a quick KDKA ID + FM HD channel.

AC 310 is Los Angeles, so this implies Univisi n Am rica, KTNQ, really 50 kW on 1020. The LAH is so close to 1020 that I can't be sure if the Spanish audio was from the LAH frequency or really another on-frequency. Prime suspect low-powered KCKN Roswell is with Radiovisi n Cristiana, like 1330 in NYC, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, etc. But no station in Los Angeles (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also OKLAHOMA

** U S A. 1030, April 27 at 1958 UT on caradio, tnx to absence of 1020 KOKP Perry semi-local, clear shot from KBUF Holcomb (Garden City) KS, ID after promo for `Southwest Kansas Focus`, Sundays at 10:05 am [1505 UT]. It's 2.5 kW ND day; 1.2 kW night direxional southwest when I never hear it. With a call like that, when it first appeared I guessed it was in Buffalo OK, just across the border (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1240, April 23 at 0706 UT, 'Red Eye Radio' opening another hour by exaggerated bass announcer, briefly audible thru the graveyard pileup, peaks roughly E/W. If their website affiliate list be correct, <http://www.redeyeradioshow.com/common/page.php?pt=Red+Eye+Radio+Affiliates&id=301> the nearest by far and therefore most likely source is: KLIK, Jefferson [City] MO. Strangely, there are only four other 1240s listed, in MI, MN, NY, PA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1260, WWMK (presumed) Cleveland OH USA 0922 17-Apr. Tuning around and I heard perky music. At 0927 YL IDed as Radio Disney. I thought they were already gone (Gary Vance, Grand Ledge MI, MARE Tipsheet April 24 via DXLD)

There are still a couple of AMs that haven't been sold BUT -- rumour I saw in Radio World was that The Mouse was cutting a deal with iBiquity and would be re-appearing on the second and third streams of FM IBOC stations in several markets in the next few months. Stay tuned as they say -- I guess they've given up on AM but not radio in general, but really, who listens to the second and third streams?! -kvz (Kenneth Vito Zichi, ed., ibid.)

** U S A. Re: ``1320, April 17 at 1228 UT, mentions 91.5 FM, St. Louis weather, iHeart Radio, 1320 AM. Not clear if // the FM, or cross promotion. These are Bott stations. NRC AM Log lists KSIV AM & FM Clayton MO as //. However, the FM would have to be non-commercial, so is the AM too? KSIV is 4.6/0.27 kW U2; well after sunrise now.``

No, the AM isn't non-commercial. I'd start by looking up a St. Louis AM station that *does* hold a non-commercial license.
<http://www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/amq.html>
search for KYFI-630. You'll notice right above the tower coordinates it says "KYFI operates as a noncommercial educational station".

Now, repeat the search on KSIV-1320. You'll find that text isn't there.

Remember, a station that doesn't hold a non-commercial license may sell airtime. It's not required to sell airtime. It's perfectly legal for a station holding a commercial license to choose not to sell airtime - and thus to air programming that's perfectly legal to relay on a station holding a non-commercial license (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, <http://www.w9wi.com> April 23, WTFDA forum via DXLD)

** U S A. 1480, April 26 at 0534 UT, predicted low 38 from 'The Big Talker, KQAM'. What??! It can't be that cold this time of year. In fact, NWS records for Wichita shows the low this morning was 50.

Therefore, KQAM is not to be trusted for weather info, probably automatically replaying long-outdated forecast. But what can you expect from a station dedicated to propagating far-right hateful wackos like Michael Savage and Laura Ingraham? No less a public disservice (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1580, April 24 at 0559 UT, ad for John Deere farm equipment, Colorado Springs, no ID heard, and 0600 UT into medical talk show, so KHIG. I've yet to hear much about pot on it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1670, April 24 at 0556 UT, two ``Fox Sports 1670`` promos, so must be WPLA Dry Branch (Macon market) GA, and DF fits for that rather than Madison WI WOZN which is CBS Sports (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. CLOSING FIELD OFFICES IS BAD POLICY
<http://www.thebdr.net/articles/fcc/insp/OfficeClose.pdf>

CLOSING FCC FIELD OFFICES COULD LEAD TO ëRF ANARCHYí
<http://www.tvtechnology.com/opinions/0087/closing-fcc-field-offices-could-lead-to-ërf-anarchy/275564>

Sent from my iPhone (both: Dennis Gibson, April 24, ABDX via DXLD)

Excellent article by retired FCC field officer --- Very interesting article. Unfortunately, I don't think there are any people inside the beltway who have enough intelligence to understand this.

FCC CLOSURES? WHO YOU GONNA CALL?
by Walter Gernon, With Rebecca Willman Gernon on 04.23.2015

The author is a former FCC district director for the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. - See more at:
<http://www.radioworld.com/TabId/64/Default.aspx?ArticleId=275694>

Read the comments too; as well as the author's (Wayne Heinen, CO, April 29, NRC-AM via DXLD)

This is merely a sidebar summary of the above article:

EFFECTS OF FCC DOWNSIZING

Walter Gernon lists the following as reasons not to close field offices and reduce the number of field agents:

- ï Loss of FCC presence nationwide
- ï Only three offices west of the Mississippi
- ï Slow response to all radio interference

- i No local direction finding experts
- i Reduced enforcement compliance with FCC rules
- i Increase in pirate radio transmissions
- i Interruption of radio communications by jammers in all services
- i No oversight of cable leaks that can disrupt aviation communications
- i Marine communications lost due to interference from faulty transmitters
- i No other entity equipped, skilled or authorized to resolve wireline and wireless communication problems

- See more at:
<http://www.radioworld.com/TabId/64/Default.aspx?ArticleId=275694#sthash.dJ808shj.dpuf>
(via gh, DXLD)

**** U S A. FCC Suspends September 1, 2015 Deadline for LPTV and Translator Stations to Shift from Analog to Digital**

While Class A stations will still need to switch by September 1, other LPTV and translator stations will not.
<http://www.commlawcenter.com/2015/04/fcc-suspends-september-1-2015-deadline-lptv-translator-stations-shift-analog-digital.html>
I speak Spanish so you don't have to (Raymie Humbert, AZ, April 24, WTFDA Forum via DXLD) viz.:

FCC SUSPENDS SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 DEADLINE FOR LPTV AND TRANSLATOR STATIONS TO SHIFT FROM ANALOG TO DIGITAL
By Jessica Nyman April 24, 2015

The FCC's Media Bureau issued a Public Notice today announcing that it would immediately suspend the September 1, 2015 digital transition date for LPTV and TV translator stations. The FCC's Second Report and Order had established the September 1 deadline for LPTV, TV translator, and Class A TV stations to terminate analog operations and transition to digital. However, in its Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the FCC recognized that the upcoming spectrum auction and repacking process would likely displace a substantial number of LPTV and TV translator stations, and that 795 LPTV and 779 TV translator stations had not yet completed their digital conversion. Seeking to avoid requiring those stations to incur the costs of the digital transition prior to completion of the auction and repacking, the FCC proposed suspending the transition deadline. In today's Public Notice, the FCC concluded that suspending the digital transition deadline would be appropriate to permit analog LPTV and TV translators to postpone construction of digital facilities that could be impacted by the spectrum auction and repacking.

The FCC's decision, however, does not affect Class A TV stations, which are still required to complete the digital transition by the

September 1 deadline. Class A stations that do not complete construction of their digital facilities by 11:59 pm, local time, on September 1, 2015 will be required to go dark until they complete construction of their digital facilities.

Additionally, although Class A stations are not required to cease analog transmissions until September 1, their digital facilities must be licensed or have an application for a license on file by May 29, 2015 for those digital facilities to be fully protected by the FCC in the repacking process. Any Class A station that fails to meet the May 29 Pre-Auction Licensing Deadline will be afforded protection based solely on the coverage area and population served by its analog facilities, as set forth in the Incentive Auction Report and Order.

The FCC has not announced when the new transition date will be, other than to say the deadline will come after final action in its LPTV DTV proceeding. According to the Third NPRM, the FCC is weighing the benefit of waiting until the close of the auction to establish a new deadline which would allow the FCC to take into account the overall impact of the repacking process ó against announcing a deadline sooner than the end of the auction, which could provide more certainty to LPTV and translator stations about when the digital transition will end and expedite the completion of that transition (via DXLD)

** U S A. [Re DXLD 15-15:] I appreciate your webcasts for certain programs such as the 11 am block on weekdays. [1705v UT]

Including Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival --- and the Schubert Quintet is a great piece, which I am enjoying hearing again this Monday, i.e. exactly the same episode as aired two weeks ago (missed listening last week) --- then I did a bit of research and found that it was not from last year's season, but from the 40th which was 2012!

So how come you are playing and replaying this same old episode, instead of the current series as released by WFMT? We would really like to hear a new one each week! Regards, Glenn Hauser, Enid OK (April 27, to Yellowstone Public Radio, via DXLD)

No reply, but back to the present the following week (gh)

** U S A. March 25 tropo photos: KCWX-DT-5, KZTV-DT-10 with KRIS weather (400 miles), and XHMTA-DT-12 with Hechos (505 miles). I don't know why the PSIP data time and the Azteca-13 time are different: see MEXICO [and non]

** VANUATU. 7260, Radio Vanuatu, presumed, 0728, threshold, while Mongolia is scheduled to be on at this hour, it has never been heard here on this frequency this early April 16 (XM, Cedar Key, Florida,

NRD525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DXSF, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. 15595, April 25 at 0529, VR bells, good signal, as we are now getting into summer-mode with MUFs from Europe holding up overnight. 0530 Latin Mass with multilingual opening announcements in German, something Slavic, Polish, Hungarian, 0532 choir. This is much better than // 7250, and much2 better than useless 6070 under CFRX. 15595 is 250 kW, 107 degrees to Mideast, so directly off the back would be 287 degrees. I would not be surprised if it's really aimed toward us, and ME gets the back (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SUDAN [and non]

** VATICAN [non]. 15470, April 28 at 1428, 1 kHz tone on poor signal, 1430 cut to flute music and announcement, very poor. But it must be VR via IBB Tinang, PHILIPPINES opening Hindi. Aoki shows VR is the only station using 15470, at many different dayparts and sites, the other ones being Tinian, Tashkent and Palauig (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. 17600, April 26 at 1351, VOA Somali is just barely modulated, suppressed, with occasional spikes, on fair-good signal. Wiggle that patchcord! Isn't anyone at SMG paying attention to the output, or the input? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 9730 Voice de Vietnam, Hanoi-Sonta, 1818-1837, escuchada el 29 de abril de 2015 en espa ol a locutor presentando reportaje sobre una pel cula, locutor y locutora con comentarios, el documental se presentar  el 15 de mayo, despedida iHasta pronto, amigos , SINPO 23332 (Jos  Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Grundig Yacht Boy 80, Antena hilo de 10m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) direct

** VIETNAM [and non]. RADIO VERITAS ASIA'S ACCLAIMED VIETNAMESE COMMUNICATOR REMEMBERED FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE
<http://ncronline.org/news/global/radio-veritas-asias-acclaimed-vietnamese-communicator-remembered-life-service>

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam --- Vietnamese Msgr. Pietro Nguyen Van Tai will be remembered as a successful communicator who spent all life serving the church in Asia for decades.

Tai died of abdomen cancer Tuesday at age 67 in a hospital in Ho Chi Minh City. His funeral Mass was scheduled for Friday at the Assumption Cathedral of his native Vinh Long diocese.

He was considered the cornerstone or one of the pillars of Radio Veritas Asia, the 45-year-old continental short-wave radio station owned and operated by the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference in Manila, Philippines.

"He was a jack of all trades and he was instrumental in shaping various policies and activities of RVA as a natural leader and mediator" for more than 36 years, RVA said.

Tai started his career as a program producer of Vietnamese broadcasts in 1978, then held other senior positions, including coordinator of the Vietnamese language service and program director of RVA's 16 Asian language services.

He was appointed as priest-in-charge for Vietnamese refugees flocking to the Philippines to avoid persecution from Vietnamese communists after the end of the Vietnam War.

"Tai took various initiatives in communicating good news values to people and especially nurturing faith life among Vietnamese Catholics in difficult times without ministers," said Fr. Anthony Nguyen Ngoc Son, a close friend of Tai's.

Son said Catholics, including ethnic minority communities throughout Vietnam and especially in places without priests or religious, regularly gathered at homes to listen to church news, catechism, hymns, prayers aired by RVA and "attending" aired Masses celebrated by Tai on Sundays to keep their faith alive.

Joseph Nguyen Tien Hiep, a former lay missionary based in Yen Bai province in northern Vietnam, said through Vietnamese programs produced by Tai, Catholics remain true to the church, update themselves on church developments and get close to God. Many others have been inspired by his services and embraced Catholicism, he added. Even today, government authorities have not yet allowed priests to give regular ministries to Catholics in northern provinces of Dien Bien, Lai Chau and Son La.

Hiep said "many Catholics still often listen to reflections and church news aired by RVA, and Dang The Dung [Tai's penname] is very popular among listeners."

Son, who was with Tai before he died, described his friend as a priest who lived a humble, gentle and simple life who always smiled and brought joy to other people.

Son said although he was based in the Philippines, Tai helped develop the church in Vietnam by asking for scholarships from foreign charitable organizations and granted hundreds of Vietnamese priests and religious to study further in the Philippines.

Born in southern Tra Vinh province in 1947, Tai graduated from Pius X

Pontifical College in Dalat and was ordained a priest in 1973. He obtained a doctorate in philosophy from Pontifical University of Urbaniana, Rome, in 1978 and was tasked with RVA's Vietnamese language service since then.

[Joachim Pham is an NCR correspondent based in Vietnam.] Posted by:
(JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. Westsahara (aus Algerien): Nach eigenen Angaben seit Dezember 1975 sendet die POLISARIO f, r das fr, here spanische Kolonialgebiet Westsahara, das sp%ter von seinen Nachbarn bzw. jetzt nur noch Marokko annektiert worden ist. Aktuell scheint der Mittelwellensender des Nationalen Rundfunks der arabischen Sahara-Republik aber Probleme zu haben. Jedenfalls fielen Mitte April die Morgen- und Abendsendungen auf 1550 kHz aus und waren auch nicht auf der Alternativwelle 700 kHz zu finden.

Am 24. April war die Mittelwelle wieder zu h^ren, aber bedeutend schw%cher als zuvor. Bereits seit einigen Jahren wird nicht mehr auch auf Kurzwelle gesendet. Es gibt auch eine Website <http://www.rasdradio.info> mit H^rm^glichkeit, vor deren Besuch McAfee allerdings warnt (Sergio Sarabia 21., 24.4., Carlos GonÁalves 22.4.2015 mediumwave.info, Dr. Hansj^rg Biener (ntt aktuell Mai 2015 bei Prof. Dr. Hansj^rg Biener, Neulichtenhofstr. 7, DE 90461 N, rnberg, Hansjoerg_Biener @ yahoo.de via DXLD)

Polisario station from Algeria was unheard on either MW frequency in mid-April, but heard again on 24 April with weaker signal than before [on which, 1550 or 700?]. McAfee warns about its website (gh, DXLD)

** YEMEN. 6135, R. Sanna [sic], *0500-0510. After VOA Ascension ends French at 0459, Yemen signs on with YL doing announcements in Arabic. Then into presumed news. Mucho static crashes tonight with weaker than normal signal. 4/18 (Don Hosmer, West Branch MI, MARE Tipsheet April 24 via DXLD)

Are you sure it's Yemen? Rather late for them to be propagating on this band, and Aoki shows not only Yemen but two other stations signing on at 0500 --- Madagascar, and Bolivia (yes, at 1 am local???). Sunrise in Sana`a is approximately 0240 UT. Antananarivo, 0305 UT. BBC Ascension resumes 6135 at 0530 in Hausa. Possibly a switching error kept that on past 0500 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. Of particular interest in the WRTH A-15 Update:
``U S A KVOH ñ VOICE OF HOPE (Rlg)
kHz: 6065, 9975, 17775

Summer Schedule 2015

English Days Area kHz [including:]

0400-2200 daily Af 6065lus*``

NOTE the planned* entry for VOH via ZAMBIA; only that frequency?

(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 570, April 28 at 0654 UT, open carrier/dead air, loops SSW, likely XEJB Monterrey NL, rather than Las Cruces further west (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1020 --- Wow, who's off frequency here! Terrible hum obliterating the frequency (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, Sony ICF 2010, Toyota car radio 1049 UT April 25, ABDX via DXLD)

I listened this evening and heard no nasty rumblings as I did this morning. It may have been one of the Illinois stations. Hard to say. (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, Sony ICF 2010, Toyota car radio, 0336 UT April 26, ibid.) See OKLAHOMA; USA

UNIDENTIFIED. 1130, April 28 at 0657 UT, Mexican music peaks counter-clockwise from KWKH Shreveport, which rules out central Mexico, so Central America? No Cubans listed. Or, from the other side, maybe Sinaloa or Sonora. Need to keep on this one. No likely USA SS unless daytimers in TN or GA happen to be nighttimers (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) [Later:] it's Georgia, says Greg Hardison

UNIDENTIFIED. 1390, April 24 at 1230 UT I awaken to find AC power is off, so quick bandscan finds local KCRC NSP is also off, a rare opportunity to DX something else (see OKLAHOMA for more on this). Dominating 1390 are national ads, then some syndicated talkshow in English from E/W. At first I figure it's very likely my next-nearest in Rogers (Fayetteville address) AR, which is ND daytime (and KCRC must protect it, beaming away from it westward), but NRC AM Log shows KFFK is SS:MEX, La Patrona (I did also hear some Spanish briefly in the mix). So on to next choice which is really northeast: KJPW, Waynesville MO, also 5 kW ND daytime, and is a talker in English, including Fox network. By 1315 UT, KCRC carrier is back on with hum (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1550, April 24 at 0602 UT, crooner in English, 0605 UT gospel song, loops WNW/ESE. Format and direxion rule out the usual closer suspects, so I wonder if it's WLOR Huntsville AL, 50000/44 watts with UC/OLD format per NRC AM Log? Day pattern is circle tangent southward. WPFC Baton Rouge LA, 5000/42 watts U1 with UC:GOS/REL also possible tho DF seems further counterclockwise (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 2450, 0930 to 0940 harmonic in English, no ID, 23 and 24 April (MDR, Tampa, Florida, Drake R8B, Tecsun PL-398BT, Drake R7, via Bob Wilkner, DXSF, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? not a likely harmonic frequency from MW. Easy to tell: divide by two, would have to end in 5. Add digits $2+4+5+0 = 11$, not a multiple of three, so not divisible by 3. Double it and drop the 0, 490 is outside the MW band. What kind of programming? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDentified. in Urdu, probably Azad Jammu & Kashmir Radio: 1600-1755 on 7265 ISL 100 kW / non dir to SoAs Urdu/Kashmiri <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/unidentified-in-urdu-probably-azad.html> (DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015 via DXLD)

April 21:
UNIDentified in Urdu, probably Azad Jammu and Kashmir 1744 on 7265 Islamabad
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_8fbfDArf0&feature=youtu.be

UNIDentified in Urdu, probably Azad Jammu and Kashmir 1747 on 7265 Islamabad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTBYx60lBLE&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

April 25:
UNIDentified in Urdu, probably Azad Jammu and Kashmir 1720 on 7265 Islamabad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4X-VLYlbuk&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified in Urdu, probably Azad Jammu and Kashmir 1730 on 7265 Islamabad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhTi6YAZWPY&feature=youtu.be>

April 26:
UNIDentified in Urdu, probably Azad Jammu and Kashmir 1630 on 7265 Islamabad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d20NcuCr7gY&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified in Urdu, probably Azad Jammu and Kashmir 1645 on 7265 Islamabad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9HsczTpslE&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified in Urdu, probably Azad Jammu and Kashmir 1705 on 7265 Islamabad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tb3P75Q0z7s&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified in Urdu, probably Azad Jammu and Kashmir 1752 on 7265
Islamabad

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wp5_2T6sYq4&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9565, April 26 at 1314, fair signal with brief tone
test, otherwise open carrier, 1316 another TT. Nothing at all
scheduled here around this hour. Could be Greenville checking system
long before R. Marti from *2000, but not very strong; or VOA Thailand
scheduled for Tibetan from *1600. No off-time Cuban jamming audible
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9665.0, April 29 at 0109, something new, big steady open
carrier with het and Portuguese from off-frequency Brazilian, Voz
Missionaria which is normally unimpeded. I keep on it, and no change
past 0130+. Nothing else scheduled anywhere near this time, except
KCBS N Korea, but at this hour certainly not that. Could easily be
circum-European with many good signals from there on band. And 9665
was of course, an old longtime R. Moscow/RMWS/VOR/Sputnik frequency.
They continue to register a lot of wooden/imaginary MSK VOR
frequencies in HFCC A-15, but not this one (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF
RADIO 1771, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] maybe it's Cairo, as they have been showing up far beyond
scheduled times on other frequencies like 9965: from EGYPT entries:
9665.024, Nearby distorted Radio Cairo's French service at 2000-2115
UT, and scratch noise bandwidth from 9648 to 9684 kHz, even overlap
also NIGERIA in range 9682 to 9684 kHz. Another scratch noise signal
spurious heard on 9556 to 9566 kHz (Wolfgang B. schel, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9825, April 25 at 0226, distorted whine with fading, so
not a local device; like spurs we have heard before from Turkey or
Egypt around here, but there are no strong signals nearby to produce
it now. 9965.4 Cairo might do it, but can't match the sound, nor is
there another one +140 kHz on 10105, just CW hams, whew. Only thing
scheduled on 9825 at any time is during this hour only, CRI English
via Kashgar, a site not known for any such problems (Glenn Hauser, OK,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDentified station, probably test of Radio Cairo, long Arabic songs:
till 1232 on 9964.6 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg NEAm, strong on April 26:
1245-1300 on 9964.6 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg NEAm, strong on April 22:
0945-1025 on 9964.7 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg NEAm, low audio on April 21

Test of Radio Cairo, part two on April 21:

1245-1255 on 9964.7 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg NEAm Indonesian Radio Cairo
// frequency 15710.0 ABS 250 kW / 091 deg SEAs Indonesian Radio Cairo

1255-1305 on 9964.7 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg NEAm Arabic Radio Cairo GS?
not//1300 on 15535,2 ABS 250 kW / 241 deg WeAf Arabic Radio Cairo A15
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/unidentified-station-probably-test-of.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #907 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 27, 2015
via DXLD) See also EGYPT

UNIDENTIFIED. 10000, April 29 at 0120, not much signal from WWV or
WWVH, but I hear a different pip slightly ahead of WWV's minute
marker. Thought maybe PPE Brasil, but it should have pips every
dekasecond and there are none; however, some additional pips appear
leading up to the next minute. BPM China is sometimes off-time but
would not expect much from it at this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1771:

Hi Glenn, I hope you had a very good 70th birthday. Your dedication to  
shortwave is first class. I am sending a paypal for the hard work that  
you have done. Best of health, happiness, and that rare signal from  
the shortwave bands! 73's (Mike Stone Arlington Hts, IL) woradio at  
yahoo.com for PayPal, not necessarily in US funds; no credit cards

Or a check or MO in the P-mail, US funds on a US bank, please, to Box  
1684, Enid OK 73702

PUBLICATIONS

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UPDATE MAY 3:

DX/SWL/Media Programs:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html>

World of Radio schedule:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

Alan Roe's Hitlist of SW stations websites:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/hitlist.htm>

WRTH HAS RELEASED THEIR A15 INTERNATIONAL RADIO & COTB SCHEDULES FILE.

The A15 schedules file is available for free download

(whilst donations are appreciated, they are by no means mandatory).

Use the following link, and click on "International Updates":  
[http://www.wrth.com/\\_shop/?page\\_id=444](http://www.wrth.com/_shop/?page_id=444)

This file is in PDF format and you will need a PDF viewing program (such as the free Adobe Acrobat Reader) in order to open this file. The pdf is 2.3 MB in size and contains 78 pages, consisting of: Summer (A season) 2015 LW/MW & SW schedules for International broadcasters and Clandestine & Other Targeted (COTB) Broadcasts; International DRM broadcasts; a 'By Frequency' listing of the broadcasters; Selected language broadcasts (English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese); and finally a list of sites used in the schedules, together with name, location, co-ordinates and type (LW/MW &/or SW).

Despite the doom and gloom surrounding shortwave and international broadcasting, please be assured there is still a lot to listen to, broadcast in many, many languages to all parts of the world. There are even new SW stations popping up from time to time. There are at least 6 new entries in this file, that have come on air since WRTH2015 was published. That has to be encouraging!

If you haven't already got your copy of WRTH 2015, you can still order on-line direct from our website or from Amazon.com (At last Amazon seems to have sorted out whatever issue they had, which caused unacceptable delays and annoyance for our valued readership). Using the A schedules together with the printed WRTH gives you powerful tools to help you get the most from your listening.

Sean Gilbert - WRTH <http://www.wrth.com>  
(via BDXC-UK yg 1410 UT May 1, via DXLD)

Excellent resource! Let me make clear that altho I have picked out a few things in it to correct, it is probably 99.9% accurate as of date of publication (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### STIG HARTVIG NIELSEN AUDIO ARCHIVE

I have uploaded some station ID's from Santiago de Chile on Soundcloud. Here are the links to all my files on Soundcloud containing station ID's etc:

Radio stations which I heard on Medium Wave in Santiago de Chile in January 2014:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/santiago-de-chile-am-dial>

Radio stations which I heard on FM in Santiago de Chile in January 2014:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/santiago-de-chile-fm-dial>

Test transmission from Radio Luxembourg prior to anticipated relaunch in 2005 on short wave using DRM (17.4 kbps stream). Announced 6090 but used 6095 kHz. The show is hosted by Dave Christian:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/radio-luxembourg-drm-test-6095-khz>

Station ID's from almost 50 radio stations from Quito, Ecuador. The recordings were made by HCJB in 1991:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/radio-stations-in-quito-1991>

Radio Luxembourg - English service - which I heard on FM 88.9 MHz near Viborg, Denmark, in 1981 during an extraordinary good tropospheric DX opening:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/radio-luxembourg-1981>

FM stations from Colombia, Ecuador and Peru which I recorded on cassette 1980-81 during a trip to the Caribbean and South America:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/south-american-fm-radio-1980-81>

Medium- and short wave stations from Colombia, Ecuador and Peru recorded 1980-81 during a trip to the Caribbean and South America with my Drake SPR4 and a cassette recorder.  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/south-american-am-radio-1980-81-part-i>

Medium- and short wave stations from Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela recorded 1980-81 during a trip to the Caribbean and South America with my Drake SPR4 and a cassette recorder:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/south-american-am-radio-1980-81-part-2>

Medium Wave stations of Uruguay as I monitored late December 2013 in Barra de Valizas (in the North Eastern corner of Uruguay):  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/uruguay-am-stations>

Radio stations heard on Medium Wave in Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 2014:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/buenos-aires-am-dial>

Medium Wave radio stations from St. Kitts & Nevis, Venezuela, Guadeloupe, Antigua and Puerto Rico which I heard in Tobago in the spring of 2004:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/tobago-dx-2004-mw>

FM radio stations from Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela, Grenada, St. Vincent and Barbados which I heard in Tobago in the spring of 2004:  
<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/tobago-dx-2004-fm>

Best 73's (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Denmark, April 26, HCDX via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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CALL FOR PAPERS & TALKS, FORT WAYNE CON, JULY

GiDay lads. Would y'all please post this in the next newsletters?  
THANKS!

iWe're setting up the schedule of informal talks and presentations for the joint IRCA/NRC/WTFDA/DECALCOMANIA convention in Fort Wayne in July. If you're interested in sharing some DX-ing experience with us; perhaps presenting a talk on any subject useful to DX-ers assembled, please contact Mark Durenberger; Mark4@durenberger.com

We can provide you with audio/visual support for slides and audio playback and even duplicate any handouts you might like to share. Weire interested in your experiences so please get in touch!î  
Thanks folks, (Mark Durenberger, MN, April 23, MDXC yg via DXLD)

TINY TRAP

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It had to happen, Judy Woodruff on PBS Newshour April 29 at 2315 UT via OETA declares that Nepal is ``a tiny nation``. Please engage brain! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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Two-part video about the history of the German transmitter manufacturer TELEFUNKEN

Some time ago a came across this video about the history of Telefunken. Its history started in Nauen in the early 1900's. The video tell the story of Telefunken Employee Helmut Jordan. The video is made by Uwe Gellert. In the video lots of very nice footage of Nauen when it was the main transmitter site for Radio Berlin International from 1964 to 1991. Also footage showing the construction of the 4 Alliss antennas in Nauen in 1996-1997 and the refurbishing of the Steerable antenna made by Funkwerk Koepenick in 1964. Enjoy!

Telefunken Ein Rueckblick Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmd80NgYSrM>

Telefunken Ein Rueckblick Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WShjnp8rPZ8>

(via Jan Osterveen, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See GUAM; INDIA

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See MEXICO; OKLAHOMA; USA

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See USA 1260

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PROPAGATION

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ST-PATRICK'S DAY SOLAR STORM LATE REPORT

Hi All, Hereby you will find my report of the last St-Patrick's Day solar storm. There was enough content to justify adding a new page to my website. The highlights to me among all Latins was to log five Ecuadorean stations including two new entries (Radio Sucre on 700 and Radio Ecuantena on 1030) plus a new Argentinian on 1030. Surprisingly, no Brazilian stations were noticed. The page contain 46 audio clips and a link to the logs' report as well. Enjoy:

[http://www.quebecdx.com/2015\\_st\\_patrick\\_day\\_solar\\_storm\\_audio\\_files.html](http://www.quebecdx.com/2015_st_patrick_day_solar_storm_audio_files.html)  
(Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, CANADA, <http://www.quebecdx.com> WTFDA  
mwdx gg April 30 via DXLD)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

:Issued: 2015 Apr 27 0348 UTC

# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html>

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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 20 - 26 April 2015

Solar activity was at low to high levels throughout the period. Region 2322 (N11, L=116, class/area=Dac/60 on 21 April) grew and intensified as it rotated to the western limb; producing numerous low level C-class flares and five moderate level M-class flares on 21 April. Region 2322 also produced the largest flare of the period, an impulsive M4/Sf at 22/1545 UTC. Region 2322 continued to produce C-class and M-class flares until it rotated beyond the western limb by 24 April, including a long-duration M1 flare at 23/1007 UTC with an associated Type-II radio sweep and coronal mass ejection (CME) from the western limb as observed in SOHO/LASCO C2 imagery. The CME was not Earth-directed.

Regions 2325 (N05, L=050, class/area=Cai/220 on 19 April) and 2326 (N20, L=086, class/area=Cao/80 on 23 April) were the other most prolific flare producers during the period. Region 2325 produced an M1 flare at 21/2201 UTC and Region 2326 produced numerous C-class X-ray flares with the most notable being a C7 flare at 23/1203 UTC. Both flares were very impulsive and did not have any observed optical flares nor notable radio signatures.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at moderate to high levels during the week; reaching high levels on 20-21 April and 24 April with a peak flux of 2,620 pfu on 20 April.

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet to unsettled levels on 20 April as Earth was in a background ambient solar wind environment. On 21 April, Earth came under the influence of an isolated positive coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) and solar wind speeds increased to over 600 km/s as measured at the ACE satellite. This CH HSS produced occasional periods of active levels of geomagnetic activity from 21-24 April. The CH HSS rotated out of a geo-effective alignment by midday on 24 April and the winds decreased to mainly nominal solar wind conditions of about 375 km/s, returning Earth to quiet to unsettled geomagnetic conditions.

During the week, ACE solar wind parameters measured a high wind speed of 628 km/s on 21/0632 UTC and a low wind speed of 291 km/s on 26/1123 UTC. Total field (Bt) ranged from about 1 to 14 nT, while the Bz component varied between +12 to -7 nT. The phi angle was generally in a positive (away from the Sun) orientation with a short period of negative (towards the Sun) sector to begin the week.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 27 APRIL - 23 MAY 2015

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels through 03 May due to the low number of complex active regions. Solar activity levels are expected to increase to low levels; with a slight chance for moderate (R1-R2/minor-moderate) levels beginning 04 May with the return of Region 2322 (N11, L=116) and remain at low levels, but increase to a chance for moderate (R1-R2/minor-moderate) levels beginning 07 May as Region 2326 (N20, L=086) also rotates back onto the disc. Solar activity level is expected to decrease back to very low to low levels with the departure of Regions 2322 and 2326 beginning 17 May.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels from 27 April-06 May, normal levels from 07-12 May, moderate to high levels from 13-14 May, high levels from 15-18 May, moderate levels from 19-20 May, and moderate to high levels from 21-23 May.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels from 27-28 April and increase to quiet to unsettled levels beginning 29 April due to CH HSS effects. Field activity is expected to begin decreasing by 02 May, with overall quiet levels likely from 03-10 May. Field activity is expected to increase to unsettled to active levels beginning late on 11 May and likely reaching active levels on 12-13 May due to CH HSS effects. Field activity is expected to decrease to unsettled to active levels by 14 May as CH HSS effects begin to wane; and return to quiet to unsettled conditions from 15-17 May. Field conditions are expected to increase to unsettled to active levels on 18 May due to a CH HSS and return to quiet to unsettled conditions as the CH HSS rotates out of a geo-effective position by 21 May, and remain at quiet levels for the remainder of the outlook period.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt

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# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2015-04-27

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2015 Apr 27 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 Apr 28 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 Apr 29 | 115        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Apr 30 | 110        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 May 01 | 110        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 May 02 | 110        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 May 03 | 115        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 May 04 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 May 05 | 125        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 May 06 | 130        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 May 07 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 May 08 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 May 09 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 May 10 | 130        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 May 11 | 125        | 5         | 2        |

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|-------------|-----|----|---|
| 2015 May 12 | 130 | 25 | 5 |
| 2015 May 13 | 130 | 20 | 5 |
| 2015 May 14 | 130 | 20 | 4 |
| 2015 May 15 | 125 | 12 | 4 |
| 2015 May 16 | 130 | 8  | 3 |
| 2015 May 17 | 125 | 12 | 3 |
| 2015 May 18 | 120 | 20 | 4 |
| 2015 May 19 | 120 | 12 | 3 |
| 2015 May 20 | 115 | 8  | 3 |
| 2015 May 21 | 115 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 May 22 | 115 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 May 23 | 115 | 5  | 2 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1771, DXLD)

On Monday, May 4, 2015, SWPC will shut down its main processing systems in Boulder to move them into a new data center. To accommodate this move, we will be using our newly integrated, off-site backup system. Users may see small outages while we transition to our backup system and then again when we transition back to Boulder after our move. The transition to our backup system is currently scheduled to occur at 1210 UTC (6:10 am MDT) and the transition back will occur at 1900 UTC (1:00 pm MDT). (SWPC May 1 via DXLD)

GLENN'S PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF APRIL 30

Keith, The global HF propagation forecast from IPS in Australia: mostly normal thru May 2.

Met Office UK forecasts solar activity low, geomagnetic activity quiet to unsettled thru May 3.

Spaceweather South Africa agrees, magnetic conditions will be quiet to unsettled thru May 3; shortwave fadeouts unlikely; MUF stable

F K Janda in Prague says the Geomagnetic field will be:  
 active to disturbed on May 1, 7 - 8, 12  
 quiet to active on May 2, 9, 15  
 mostly quiet on May 3 - 6, 10, 19 - 20  
 quiet on May 11  
 disturbed on May 13 - 14  
 quiet to unsettled on May 16 - 18

Space Weather Prediction Center in Colorado expected geomagnetic field activity to begin decreasing by May 2, with overall quiet levels likely from May 3 to 10 with A and K indices of 5 and 2 until May 11.

Then increasing to unsettled to active levels beginning late on May 11 and likely reaching active levels on May 12-13 with A and K indices of

25 and 5. Solar flux rising from 110 May 2 to 135 on May 7 to 9.

Bill Hepburn's VHF UHF DX maps show extreme tropospheric ducting around Puerto Rico thru May 2. Also around the Red Sea, Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and southwestern Africa thru May 4 (via DXLD)

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Solar & Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period May 3 - 29, 2015

Solar activity will continue to fluctuate at solar flux 95 - 140 s.f.u. during next few weeks. Irregular occurrence of C class flares is expected. Exceptionally are possible M class flares after May 7. X class flare may occur only rarely.

Geomagnetic field will be:

quiet on May 3 - 4, 11, 21 - 23, 26, 29

mostly quiet on May 5 - 6, 10, 24, 27 - 28

quiet to unsettled on May 7, 20, 25

quiet to active on May 8 - 9, 15 - 19

active to disturbed on May 12 - 13

disturbed on May 14

Amplifications of the solar wind are still mostly unpredictable, but some peaks are expected on May 3 - 5, 14 - 18, 20 - 22, 30 - 31 and June 1.

Remarks:

- Reliability of predictions is still reduced, disturbance rate is and remains elevated.
- Parentheses indicate a lower probability of increased activity.

F. K. Janda, OK1HH, Czech Propagation Interest Group

(OK1HH & OK1MGW, weekly forecasts since 1978)

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